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CEBOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



INAUGURATION - ITPO

PM Narendra Modi recently launched PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity & inaugurated the New Exhibition Complex (Halls 2, 3, 4 & 5) of International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre at Pragati Maidan.



STUDY TRIP – ONGC

In line with the observance of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". ONGC organized a study trip for students of GIET of Rajahmundry to its Mini Refinery at Tatipaka and Gas Collecting Station at Kesanapalli



EVENT - EDCIL

The 4th National Partner Institute workshop of 'Study in India' Scheme was held recently at New Delhi to discuss the growth and the way forward for the scheme. The event was attended by 45 Higher Education Institutions.



DIVIDEND – HUDCO

HS Puri, Union Minister of MoPNG & MoHUA, was presented the final dividend cheque of Rs.174.23 cr for the year 2020-21, by K Rizvi, Addl. Secy, MoHUA and CMD, HUDCO, in the presence of DS Mishra, Secy, MoHUA, & others.

NFL recently celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at all its Units, Corporate & Zonal Marketing Offices. A number of activities such as dance, poem, quiz competitions marathon/cyclothon, tree plantations etc. were organised during the period for awareness of the general public, employees & their family members. Nirlep Singh Rai, CMD, NFL, addressed the employees during the concluding ceremony of the event organized at Corporate Office, Noida.

TRIFED The GI initiative taken up by TRIFED aims at protecting and reviving the traditional mastery that our tribal folks possess, in producing some of the most exotic products. TRIFED, through marketing GI tagged products of tribal origin or source, is working extensively towards realizing the importance of protecting & promoting agricultural. natural or manufactured goods with specific geographical characteristics. The 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' corner in the High Commission has been set up as part of a global initiative, in collaboration with TRIFED, to promote products that tribal groups across India have been creating for centuries.

PNB As part of a new scheme, PNB has slashed the interest rate on loans against gold jewellery & Sovereign Gold Bond by 145 basis points to bring more joy to its customers. PNB now offers loans against Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) at 7.20% & loans against gold jewellery at 7.30%. Additionally, PNB has slashed the home loan rate which now starts from 6.60%, while customers can avail car loans starting from 7.15% & personal loans from 8.95%, one of the lowest in the industry



AGREEMENT - EIL

Ajit Thakker, Managing Director, ETPL and Rajiv Aggarwal, ED-Technical, EIL, have signed a Collaboration Agreement for Marketing, Supply & Development / Upgradation of Proprietary Items / Innovative Products.

IndianOil An audio-visual song by renowned singer Padma Shri Kailash Kher to promote the vaccination drive across the country was recently launched by the MoPNG Hardeep Singh Puri and Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. MoS for PNG Rameswar Teli, Secretary PNG Tarun Kapoor, senior officers of the Ministry and Oil & Gas PSUs were also present in the event.

DFCCIL achieved a record in freight transportation by carrying 10 billion GTKM (Gross Ton Kilometre) of goods since its advent in freight operation through its newly opened rail sections in Eastern Corridor between New Bhaupur to New Khurja of 351 KM situated in the most busy and important Indian Railway route between Delhi to Howrah, & in Western Corridor between New Palanpur to Rewar section of 637 KM on New Delhi - Mumbai rail route of Indian Railways. Over 11,600 freight trains have plied on both the eastern & western dedicated freight corridors since Dec. 2020. This milestone will contribute towards multimodal connectivity & rationalising logistics cost as envisioned by PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

MAELCC & Junior DPS International Cricket Coach Mickey Arthur joins hands with India's Junior DPS to open 400 franchised Mickey Arthur Early Learning Cricket Centres (MAELCC) in India. Vishva Deepak. Founder Chairman of Junior DPS Pre-schools, said that along with becoming skilled in the sport, kids will be taught how to keep them mentally and physically fit. Junior DPS Pre-School has been appointed as the key Development partner in India.

VISIT - LIC

Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, MoS, Dept. of Financial Services, Gol, recently visited LIC of India, CO, Mumbai. M.R. Kumar, Chairperson, MDs Siddhartha Mohanty, Mini Ipe, B.C. Patnaik welcomed the Minister.



CELEBRATION – BIS

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BIS, the National Standards Body, recently celebrated the 'World Standards Day' to pay tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide for developing National and International Standards



CSR - PNB

As part of its CSR and contribution to last-mile healthcare infrastructure in the country, PNB recently donated 18 Cardiac Monitors worth around Rs. 10 lakhs to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Mangolpuri, Delhi.

APPOINTMENT

CCI Sanjay Banga took over charge as Chairman & Managing Director, Cement Corporation of India Ltd. He is Gold Medalist in B.Tech. Civil from Delhi University and graduated from Delhi College of Engineering. Banga joined



Department of Telecom as Class-I gazetted officer. Banga has also acted as Chief Vigilance Officer in IREL India Ltd. and Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. Prior to joining CCI, Banda was working as Chief Engineer in MTNL and was incharge of entire MTNL Mumbai Infra wing.



AWARD - BHEL

<u>CRPF</u> Group Centre, CRPF, Langjing, Imphal recently conducted Mass Plantation Drive and planted 200 Nos. of various types of plants at Patsoi Langjing road in front of the Group Centre, CRPF, Langjing, Imphal. Madan Kumar, DIGP, GC, CRPF, Langjing, Imphal was Chief Guest of "Mass Plantation" extended his good wishes to all officers, SOs & Jawans and motivated them to make a clean and green environment.

BHEL has been adjudged as winner of the Clarivate South

NTPC In its effort to strengthen fuel security, NTPC, the country's largest power generator, commenced coal offtake from Talabira Mines of NLC in Odisha. As per the agreement, NTPC shall offtake coal from Talabira mines to Lara and Darlipalli. Besides this, NTPC is also ramping up coal production from its captive mines.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🖗 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

e-tender Notice No. 36 of 2021-22 (Open Engg/DDU, On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/ Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings. Tende No. 15-DDU-SRDEN-III-21-22.

1. Name of work with its location Replacement of existing CMS Crossing with WCMS, Replacement of switches with TWS, Replacement of SEJ with improved SEJ, etc under ADEN/JPL. 2. Approx. cost of the work : ₹1.68.99.923.19, 3. Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender 08.11.2021, Up-to 14:00 hrs. 4.Website particulars of e-tendering : www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager/ ECR/Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya PR/01012/DDU/Engg./T/21-22/32

🔊 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕅 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:-I. E-Tender No. : 107-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Track maintenance work from . Chainage-24.000 Km, to 44.400 Km. of TORI Shivpur section under ADEN/LTHR 18 (Eighteen) Months Approx cost of work (In Rs.): ₹2,22,43,370.75

2. E-Tender No. : 108-DHN-2021-22, Nam of the work with its location & completion period : Track maintenance work from Chainage-0.750 Km. to 24.000 Km. of TORI Shivpur section under ADEN/LTHR. 18 (Eighteen) Months. Approx. cost of work (Ir Rs.):₹2,39,51,740.62

3. E-Tender No. : 109-DHN-2021-22. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Zonal contract in Zone No-05 fo General, wood and Pipe & Sanitary work of Dhanbad Sub-Division under Asstt Engineer (2), E. C. Railway, Dhanbad (30.06.2022). Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) ₹39,50,000/-

4. Date & Time for closing and opening of e tender : Date of closing of e-tender at 17.00 hours on 15.11.2021, Date of opening of etender from 12:00 hrs. on 16.11.2021 Website particulars : http://www.ireps.gov.ir No manual tender will be accepted against -tendering.

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2. Tender documents including Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) may be downloaded from Defence Procurement Portal (DPP) site https://defproc.gov.in. The bid opening time and date will be found published alongwith the Notice Inviting Tender in Defence Procurement Portal (DPP). Earnest money in the form of FDR will be made in the name of Executive Officer, respective formation Headquarters. Scanned copy of earnest money will also be uploaded on DPP. NO FDR FOR EARNEST MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE SAME IS DISCHARGED BY THE CONTRACTORS/FIRM(S)

3. In case the day of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday, the tender will automatically be opened on next working day.

4. Detailed instructions will be issued to the Contractors/Firms as call notice/NIT.

5. Contractors/firms while submitting General Power of Attorney, will paste photographs of attorney holders and sole proprietor/partners of firms duly attested on the General Power of Attorney.

6. Any other details may be sought from this HQ office tele No 0141-2249261 from 1000 hours to 1400 hours on any working day.

7. The Executive Officers reserve to themselves the rights of any amendments, cancellation and changes to the tender notice in whole or in part without assigning any reason.

8. Addition / deletion of any station / items will be made subject to orders of Competent Financial Authority.

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Protests OK even on matters before

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"Ultimately some solution

Ananya Pandey gets NCB call, HC to hear Aryan bail on Oct 26



Shah Rukh Khan leaves after meeting Aryan in jail. Express

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Thursday summoned actor Ananya Pandey to record her statement in connection with the arrest of Aryan Khan, the son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan. Aryan, whose bail hearing was put off by the Bombay High Court on Thursday till October 26, earlier in the day got his first visit from family as Khan came to the Arthur Road jail to meet the 23-year-old.

The NCB also visited Khan's residence Mannat on Thursday, and said it was to collect some documents.

Khan spent around 15-20 minutes at the jail with Aryan, who has now been in custody since October 3. The Arthur Road jail, which had stopped family visits due to Covid protocols, restarted the same Thursday morning. Officials said that two persons from a family are allowed at a time.

The judicial custody of Aryan and seven others has been extended till October 30.

The NCB said Ananya was questioned over WhatsApp chats she had with Aryan. She CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



Vacci-Billion-Nation

It's a feat of every

citizen, shows

their sense of

responsibility, enthusiasm: PM

KAUNAIN SHERIFFM

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

MORE THAN nine months after

the launch of one of the world's

biggest Covid-19 vaccination

drives and after some early hic-

cups marked by vaccine short-

ages and long queues, India on

Thursday achieved a crucial

milestone in its fight against the

global pandemic, administering

its one billionth dose of the

Narendra Modi, while addressing

doctors at the National Cancer

Institute at the Jhajjar campus of

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ing, said the achievement

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Minutes later, Prime Minister

Covid-19 vaccine.

INDIA CROSSES 100 CR

mark in 9 months



15 OUT OF 100 DOSES

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PM Modi at the RML vaccination centre in Delhi Thursday. PTI



Hills, jungle and a snake: How vaccinators did it

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

OCTOBER 21 JAMEELA TREKKED 6-7 hours to reach the upper reaches of Rajouri in Jammu. Ranjita crossed a forest and streams in

Odisha's Rayagada. Shajida nav-**FULL COVERAGE** igated the Brahmaputra to reach the sandbars that dot the **PAGE 11**

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Rau's IAS Study Circle

not against people's right to Challenge protest even on matters that are subjudice, but made it clear that ahead: how such protesters cannot block public roads indefinitely. to boost coverage of second dose

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21 WHILE INDIA reaching the landmark of 100 crore vaccine doses is a significant public health effort, it's now crucial that the country sustain the momentum that is needed to administer approximately 88 crore additional

doses to fully vaccinate the adult population. India administered an average of 59.29 lakh daily doses in

August, which went up to 78.69 lakh doses in September. However, so far in October, in the first 20 days of the

EXPLAINED

month, the average daily vaccinations have fallen to 46.68 lakh doses. As a result of this drop in

daily vaccinations in October, as of Thursday morning, 10.85 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses remained unutilised with states. On Monday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, during a review meeting on the progress of the vaccination drive,

exhorted states to improve the

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THE SUPREME Court on

Thursday observed that it was

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

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How they did it

And yet, if there is one story that captures the commitment of India's Covid vaccinators -- the health workers and officers who made the 100-crore record possible -- it is about how a 25-year-old assistant was threatened with a snake but still managed to get its owner vaccinated.

It was on October 15 that Narendra Kumawat, a Covid Health Assistant in Ajmer, reached the home of Kamla in Kalbelivon ka Dera, a settlement of snake charmers, in Nagelav village. "She asked who would be responsible if she dies after vaccination. She said the government is paving us to vaccinate people, and wanted in writing the name of the person to be held accountable for her death," says Kumawat.

Kamla then went inside and got a "pitara (box)". "I understood what it was for. So I started recording the scene on my mobile. She opened the box and there was a snake inside. She threatened us with it and said she could cast a spell over us," says Kumawat.

"After much persuasion, she and her family were convinced. and we administered the vaccine

to them," he says Then there's Dr Indira Parkhe, a medical officer in Pune's Khed, who emerged from the trauma of her husband's death in February to record a high of 5,900 vaccina-



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tions in a day. "I am sure my husband would have been very happy as our centre won several

awards." Parkhe says It's this commitment that steered the efforts of immunisation officers like Dr Seema Gargin

Punjab's Hoshiarpur and Dr Rinchin Neema in Tawang of Arunachal Pradesh. Garg says the biggest chal-

lenge was vaccine hesitancy among her department's own healthcare workers. "My message was simple: You are not doing this for the government, but for your own safety," she says. Today, of the 1,405 villages in Hoshiarpur, 348 are "fully vaccinated" -- the highest from any district in Punjab. For Neema, one of the most

challenging assignments was a 12-hour trek to vaccinate a group of yak grazers in the remote border village of Lugthang, 14,000 ft above sea level. "In places like Arunachal Pradesh, where most people reside in remote areas, it is impossible for them to come to us. So we have to go to them...the last Indian citizens," he says.

There are countless more such postcards of perseverance. "I used to start early in the

morning, leaving home at 6 for the Primary Health Centre to collect the vaccine ... a two-hour walk one way with a nullah on the route. The nullah used to be swollen many times," says Jameela, an ASHA worker and

mother of three in Rajouri. Walking through forests near the LoC in Kashmir's Baramulla,

Ishfaq Shabir and his team would "sometimes wait till 9 pm for people to return from work".

For Reeta Fulmadri in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur, work didn't end with the jab. "We had to handle the post-vaccination symptoms as well to ensure that some people with high fever didn't discourage the entire region," she says

"There was a rumour that the vaccine was to kill people and so members of the tribe were very scared...we spent days talking to them, convincing them that we had taken the same jab, too," says Ranjita Sabar about the effort to vaccinate the Dongria Kondh, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group(PVTG), in Kurli gram panchayat of Rayagada in Odisha.

In Gujarat's tribal Chhota Udepur district, Saraswati Parmar staved at the Primary Health Centre in Dugdha, about 30 km from her home, from May to July to ensure that the vaccination drive was not disrupted. "I left my seven-year-old daughter at my mother's place," she says.

Down south, Dr Shivappa S Gotyal and his team of vaccinators drove through the dense forests of Karnataka's Kodagu and walked a long way further through slushy terrain to reach scattered tribal settlements in Virajpet.

Up towards the northeast, meanwhile. vaccination on the sandbars in Assam's Goalpara mostly took place under the shade of trees. "Sometimes, only two people show up for the drive, so then we go door to door and make them take their jabs," says Shajida Khatun, an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife

Inside the Sundarbans in West engal's South 24 Parganas

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And the 100-crore mark? "We

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"belongs to India and its citizens".

"Today, this day of October 21, 2021, has been recorded in history. India has crossed the 100-crore vaccine dose mark. To counter the biggest pandemic in 100 years, the country now has a strong protective shield of 100 crore vaccine doses. This achievement belongs to India, every citizen of India," Modi said.

Modi highlighted that the 100 crore vaccinations signify the "enthusiasm" towards the vaccination drive and a "sense of responsibility" among the citizens to defeat the pandemic as soon as possible.

"I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the vaccine manufacturing companies of the country, the workers involved in vaccine transportation, the health sector professionals involved in the vaccination -- all with an open heart," Modi said.

According to the Health Ministry data, as of Thursday, 100,53,691 crore vaccine doses have been administered across the country. So far, 74 per cent of the adult population has received the first dose, and 31 per cent is fully vaccinated.

Almost 15 out of every 100 doses that have been administered globally have been in India.

However, of the five countries that rank behind India in terms of cumulative vaccinations, most have a higher share of population that is fully vaccinated -- United States (41 crore doses) has fully vaccinated 57%

of its population, Brazil (26 crore doses) has vaccinated 50% of its population, Japan (18.3 crore) has vaccinated 68% of the population and Turkey (11.5 crore) has vaccinated 56% of its population. Of the five countries, only Indonesia (17.4 crore doses) has a lower share than India of the

fully vaccinated -- 31% for India, 23% for Indonesia. The 100-crore vaccinations have significant public health implications given that over 65 per cent of these doses have been administered in rural parts

of the country -- an indicator of equity in access to the vaccines. On Thursday, Director-General of the World Health

Organisation Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus pointed this out in a congratulatory tweet, saying, "Congratulations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the scientists, healthcare workers and people of India, on yours efforts to protect the vulnerable populations from Covid-19 and achieve vaccine equity

targets. The pace of India's vaccination drive had earlier come in for criticism when the country was hit by a devastating second wave, with the government being criticised for not striking early deals with vaccine manufacturers and for not foreseeing domestic demand.

Since then, vaccine supplies have picked up with manufacturing capacities of the Punebased Serum Institute of India and the Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech being aug-

mented. So far, 103.4 crore doses have been supplied to states, and more than 10.85 crore doses are still available with states to be administered, officials said.

"Congratulations, India! We have achieved a landmark milestone of 100 Crore COVID-19 vaccination doses. Salute to our COVID Warriors.our Healthcare and Frontline Workers who have worked day and night to help us achieve it," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted.

India's vaccination milestone has relied on the efforts of ASHA workers, nurses, medical officers, cold chain handlers, supervisors, and data managers, who together form the backbone of the country's flagship immunisation programme.

According to official data, four large states have conducted over 60 crore cumulative vaccinations: Uttar Pradesh (12.21 crore). Maharashtra (9.32 crore) West Bengal (6.85 crore), Gujarat (6.76 crore), Madhya Pradesh(6.72 crore), Bihar(6.35 crore), Karnataka (6.17 crore),

and Rajasthan (6.10 crore). India launched the Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16, prioritising health care workers and frontline workers. As of Thursday, 1.03 crore healthcare workers have received their first dose, and 91.17 lakh have received both their doses. Among frontline workers, 1.83 crore have received their first dose and 1.56 crore have received the second dose.

congratulatory messages on the On March 1, the Centre 1-billion landmark.

Ananya Pandey

arrived at the NCB office around 4 pm, with her father, actor Chunky Pandey, and spent around three hours there. Sources said the NCB had seized her laptop and mobile phone. She has been summoned again on Friday morning.

Sources said Ananya was asked to interpret and give context to some of the chats with Aryan. An official said the future course of action will be decided on the basis of her statement

Regarding the visit of NCB officials to Mannat, NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede said it was in connection with some documents concerning the case against Arvan.

Aryan had approached the Bombay High Court for bail after his application was rejected by a special NDPS court on Ŵednesday. His advocate Satish Maneshinde mentioned the plea before a single Bench of Justice N W Sambre, seeking an urgent hearing on Friday.

Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, the senior most law officer of the Union government in the state who appeared for the NCB, however, argued that the bureau had not been served a copy of the plea. Maneshinde contended that they had served it electronically. The High Court then refused a request for videoconference hearing made by Khan's lawyers and posted the matter for next hearing in physical mode on October 26.

On that day, the court is also likely to hear the bail plea filed by Munmun Dhamecha, who was detained on October 2 along with Arvan and friend Arbaaz Merchant, ahead of boarding a cruise ship which was to allegedly host a rave party. No drugs were recovered from Arvan, though 6 gm of charas were found on

Merchant. With Aryan allegedly

aware of this, the NDPS court held

on Wednesday that this showed

"conscious possession" on his part.

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An NCB official said Ananya's

ceived their second dose" and Sunipa Patra Das sums it all up. "These few months have been the urged them to focus on adminismost tiring. Neither rain nor thuntering the dose. derstorm stopped the vaccination While 74 per cent of the coun-

try's estimated adult population has received the first dose, only 31 per cent have got both their doses. Of the big states, only five have

second-dose vaccination coverage higher than the national average --- Gujarat (50%), Karnataka (44%), Rajasthan (36%), Maharashtra and Madhva Pradesh (32%) -- while three are lagging behind: Uttar Pradesh (18%), Bihar (21%), and West Bengal (26%).

Top government sources said that the next phase of the vaccination drive will focus on devising special drives along with states to increase the second-dose vaccination coverage. The increase in the number of fully vaccinated persons is critical because real-time data from India have shown that vaccine effectiveness in preventing mortality stood at 96.6% after the first dose and improved further to 97.5 per cent after the second dose.

As India's vaccination coverage steps up, top government sources told The Indian Express that by the fourth quarter of 2021, after examining domestic demand, vaccine manufacturers will be allowed to export vaccines in larger quantities. Sources said the Ministry of External Affairs has chalked out details of the number of vaccines that are likely to be exported according to requests placed by different countries.

ies who are eligible have not re-The Indian government has also placed an advance order with the Hyderabad-based Biological E for the supply of 30 crore vaccine doses for the immunisation programme. However, sources said, the company is expected to apply for Emergency Use Authorisation only in November. "Therefore, there will be a situation where we will have doses in excess, which can be set aside for exports," sources said.

In the next phase, the country is also likely to see the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines for children. However, sources said, a call has been taken at the highest levels that it will be exercising extracaution before rolling out the vaccination programme for children in a phased manner. Both the high-powered National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 and the National

Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation will look at scientific data from both India and the world before taking a final call on the roll-out, sources said.

SC on farmers

On October 4, another twojudge bench of the court, while hearing a plea by a farmers' outfit to hold protests at Jantar Mantar, had said it would examine whether someone who has already approached a constitutional court seeking remedy has an absolute right to simultaneously protest on the streets on the same issue while the legal challenge is pending. Agarwaal in her plea said ear-

lier orders of the court, that public roads could not be blocked indefinitely, were not being followed – and it had become a nightmare for her, a single mother with medical issues, to travel from Noida to Delhi on work.

Hearing the petition earlier this month, the SC had issued notice to leaders of 43 farmers' unions after the Haryana government urged it to make them parties in the matter.

On Thursday, Senior Advocate Dushyant Dave appearing for some of the farmers' unions, told the court that it wasn't the farmers but the police who were blocking the roads. He added that the blockades were happening as the farmers were being denied permission to hold protests at the Ramlila grounds.

"Roads aren't blocked by us. They are blocked thanks to the police. After stopping us, BJP had a rally at Ramlila Maidan. Why be selective?" Dave said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the reasons for denial of permission were serious, apparently referring to the violence during a rally by farmers on

Republic Day

Dave retorted that "independent investigation will show that a serious issue was engineered". He added that those involved in the incidents at Red Fort had been given bail.

Mehta said "there is an oblique purpose" behind whatever was happening. Dave responded: "Like there was while passing the farm laws. He can't put allegations on bona fides of farmers."

Meanwhile, counsel for petitioner said he was representing the citizens of the country who were suffering due to the road blockade.

The bench responded: "The law is clear. You may have a right to agitate in any manner but roads should not be blocked."

Dave said many petitions challenging the farm laws remained pending, and the current matter should be sent to a threejudge bench.

Mehta termed this as "kind of browbeating", and said it should not be allowed. He added: "For some people Ramlila Maidan should be made the residence. They survive on Ramlila Maidan and Jantar Mantar."

The court said it would decide the contours of the matter, and then take a call on whether it needed to be referred to a larger bench. It gave the farmers' unions three weeks to reply to the petition, and fixed the matter for hearing after six weeks.

Fertilisers

month-wise requirements for the season given to us by the states. (Rabi plantings start from October.)But now, we are finding out district-wise requirements and the crops where sowing is taking place. The field demand thus assessed is then sought to be addressed by mobilising rakes," said a senior official of the Department of Fertilisers (DOF).

On the ground, this means mustard and potato, which are planted in October, taking precedence over wheat. Thus, more rakes are being moved to

Rajasthan and railheads such as Rewari, Khori, and Jhajjar in Haryana's mustard belt. In Uttar Pradesh too, the allocations at present are mainly to Aligarh, Mathura, Agra, Mainpuri, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Kanpur, and other rake points near the state's po-

agriculture departments.

The official claimed that the

estimated 18.08 lakh tonnes (lt)

DAP demand this month, mostly

for mustard and potato, has al-

ready been met through opening

stocks of 15 lt and production of 3

lt. In addition, companies have

contracted about 6 lt imports,

with 4.5 lt out of this reaching the

ports, and 1 lt moved to con-

sumption centres. Thus, there is

no "macro" shortage, although

the 15 lt stocks with the trade may

not all be in places where DAP is

ing around 50 rakes daily, which is

since up to 55 (30 of DAP/com-

plexes and 25 urea). This will fur-

ther go up to 60 by October-end.

That is when wheat sowings

would also start in Punjab,

Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh,

while only after mid-November

facing a shortage of DAP: "Thev

have 1.2 lt stocks lying with retail-

ers now. Their requirement for

potato (largely grown in

Jalandhar, Kapurthala, and

Hoshiarpur) was already deliv-

ered in late September to early

October. We have so far this

month moved 35 rakes of

DAP/complexes(roughly 1.5 lt)to

the state and will do another 15

(45.000 tonnes) within the next

one week. All this is for wheat".

He denied that Punjab was

in UP," the official added.

"We were till October 15 mov-

immediately required.

opened up vaccination for the

most vulnerable groups in the

general population: those above

60 years and people above 45

with co-morbidities. Amid the

second wave, on April 1, India made every person above 45 el-

According to official data,

10.73 crore people above 60

have been administered the first

dose and 6.27 crore have got

their second dose. In the 45-plus

age group, 17.06 crore have been

administered the first dose and

vaccination coverage to include

everyone aged 18 and older.

However, the 18-44 age group

could get vaccinated from only

50 per cent doses available in the

open market and procured by

state governments and private

hospitals. On June 21, amid crit-

icism and complaints by several

states that faced difficulties in

procuring and managing the

funds for vaccines, India re-

turned to centralised procure-

40.20 crore beneficiaries in the

18-44 age group have received

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As part of its probe in the case, the NCB has arrested 20 people in all, including alleged peddlers The DOF is currently operating a "24/7 war room" in close coordiwho supplied narcotics to users onboard the cruise ship. nation with the Railway Board, fertiliser companies, and state

On Thursday, NCB minister Nawab Malik launched a fresh attack on Wankhede, referring to his "visits to Dubai and Maldives". "Attempts were made to implicate people in false cases. During the pandemic, the entire film industry was in the Maldives. What were the officer and his family doing in Maldives and Dubai?' Malik said, alleging that actors were called to these locations and money extorted from them.

Asked about Malik's charges, Wankhede sai: "I have never gone to Dubai. On the day the minister is saying I visited Dubai, I was on duty in Mumbai. I did visit Maldives with my family with my own salary. Is that a crime?"

The NCB leader said he and his family members, "including my dead mother, father and sister", are facing allegations like extortion "for cleaning the state of drugs". "Just because I acted against the minister's son-in-law, personal allegations have been made." Wankhede told the media, adding in response to a query that he was considering taking le-

gal recourse. NCB Deputy Director General Mutha Ashok Jain issued a statement saying that since joining the NCB, Wankhede had not submitted "any application for ex-India leave to Dubai", and had gone to Maldives following due approval.

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Amid dengue spike, govt reduces Covid beds, hospital cancels elective surgeries

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE DELHI government has reduced the number of beds reserved for Covid patients in city hospitals and diverted them for those suffering from dengue and malaria, while the East MCD has suspended surgeries in the 400-bed Swami Dayanand Hospital.

The Indian Express had reported Thursday that the sudden spike in cases has left several patients struggling for beds across hospitals in the city, including Safdarjung and RML hospital which are run by the Centre.

According to officials, the percentage of beds reserved for Covid patients in private hospitals has been reduced from 30% to 10%. The number of Covid beds in Lok Nayak Hospital has been reduced from 700 to 400. The beds will be used for those suffering from vector-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria.

Officials in the Delhi government said of the 221 patients admitted in city hospitals, 42 were



The Indian Express report dated October 21

from neighbouring states. "Dengue is under control in Delhi. Only 221 patients are admitted in Delhi's hospitals, of which 42 are from other states. Out of 21 city hospitals, three have no dengue patients, while 10 have less than 10 admitted patients. Only 25% of people with fever are testing positive for dengue," the official said.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain also said: "Delhi's hospitals have an adequate number of beds. Patients from outside Delhi are also being treated here. At present, 25% of total dengue patients in city hospitals are from outside Delhi..."

At Swami Dayanand



dent Dr Rajni Khedwal said 90 dengue patients are admitted in the hospital. All elective surgerdition. ies, except those in the obstetrics department, have been sus-

Vikas Anand said he had directed staff to conduct regular checks Khedwal said two surgical for breeding of mosquitoes on wards with 20 beds each were the premises of government converted into dengue wards buildings, schools, offices, combut they filled up in 2-3 days. munity buildings and dispen-Some children suffering from saries. He also said residents are dengue have been admitted in being made aware about prethe paediatric ward, she said. vention of dengue and officials The city recorded 243 fresh have been directed to speed up



alone. Khedwal said though the numbers have risen, most people are not in a serious con-

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Polish ambassador meets Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

AMBASSADOR OF Poland Adam Burakowski met CM Arvind Kejriwal Thursday and discussed the possibility of collaborating in the field of solid waste management and tourism. "We will be very happy to get Poland's expertise in solid waste management in Delhi. We are very pleased with the offer from Poland in this matter. The Urban Development Minister is looking into the issue," the CM said after the meeting.

While solid waste management in the city comes directly under the MCDs, the government's development department has also been looking into solving the issues arising from high waste generation, no segregation and overflowing landfill sites. Lack of waste management also leads to pollution in the Yamuna.

A statement issued by the government said the two also discussed a prospective Twin Cities Agreement between Delhi and a Polish city, with the CM asking the ambassador to hold further discussions with Deputy CM Manish Sisodia.

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Total

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 **VACCINATIONS IN** TOTAL CASES LAST 24 HOURS 14.39.488 | ICU BEDS **6 'I'HE ()ITY** 62,980 Cases CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL Oct 20 25 Oct 21 22 311* Total

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'Illegal' structure in Defence Colony: HC Half of those in 45+ group questions religious panel intervention

SOFI AHSAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE DELHI High Court Thursday pulled up the Delhi government for receding from its previous stand on demolition of an "illegally constructed" temple on a pavement in Defence Colony and said that its decision to refer the matter to the religious committee for approval will only lead to chaos and more encroachment in the national capital.

Justice Rekha Palli directed the government to place on record within three days a copy of the order by which the religious committee, which is headed by the Lieutenant Governor and deals with the issue of removal of encroachments in the form of religious structures, was constituted.

"I want to see what is the scope... whether this... just a few bricks put by somebody will fall within the scope of the religious committee's mandate, that is the question. If there is a big temple, the religious committee may be needed but if somebody puts a few bricks overnight?" asked the court.

The court said it was not satisfied with the Delhi government's stand because the encroachment in the area has come overnight and there "are just few bricks and 2-3 idols".

"This will lead to total chaos. If tomorrow somebody puts only five bricks and puts an idol, you will say we need religious combe heard again on October 26.

BRIEFLY —

conduct narco

test on terror

New Delhi: The Delhi

Police Special Cell

Thursday said they will

conduct a narco-analysis

or polygraph test on the

Pakistan-based terror sus-

pect who was arrested

from Laxmi Nagar nearly

a week ago. Senior officers

Police to

accused

mittee. Is that the purpose of the **MALLICA JOSHI** religious committee? Today NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

somebody puts an idol outside ALMOST HALF of those above the High Court or anywhere, you will say now it is a religious structhe age of 45 have been fully vacture. There are five bricks lying cinated against Covid in Delhi there and now we will consider while second dose coverage for those in the 18-44 age group is whether the religious committee will relocate them? This is not the at 38%, data shows. way," said the court.

The Delhi government told the court that even the landowning agency wanted the structure removed but they have to follow the mandate of the religious committee first. "We are not shying away from removal but there is a process to be followed. Let that process be over," submitted the government counsel, adding that there may

be a law-and-order issue if the demolition is carried out. However, the court said somebody can do anything overnight and it will not take even 3-4 hours to build such a structure. "If this is what your view is, then we will have the whole of Delhi encroached. Anvbody will put anything. We are sitting in court, somebody will put something outside and we will say 'al-

The court was hearing a petition filed by a Defence Colony resident for removal of the "encroachment" made in front of his property. On September 29, the government told the court that it has already planned to demolish the illegal structure and would require necessary police assistance for it. The matter will

right, it is over'," it added.

Delhi, which was facing an acute shortage of vaccines in July and August, has managed to give at least one shot of the vaccine to 1.28 crore people and 70 lakh people have got both doses. The estimated population of those eligible for the vaccine (people over 18 years) is 1.49 crore.

get two doses.

dose has been observed.

Data shows that the coverage of the second dose peaked in the week between September 25 and October 1. A total of 11.26 lakh doses were administered in this duration – 6.39 lakh were second doses

Over 1.28 crore doses have been administered in the 18-44. There are close to 92 lakh people in Delhi in this category.

There are 14 lakh people in the 60+ age group, government estimates say, and over 24 lakh doses

VACCINATION DATA (till Oct 20)

fully vaccinated in capital

1.98 crore total vaccine doses administered 1.49 crore Over the past five weeks, the (estimated) number of people getting the persons eligible second shot in the city has outnumbered those getting the first **1**ST DOSE shot, data shows. This is the first time a sustained increase in the **ADMINISTERED** administration of the second 80 lakh 40 lakh The city has a 47% second (18-44 yrs (45+yrs) dose coverage against the naage group) tional average of around 30% at present. Each individual has to Total 1.2 crore

have been administered to them.

Owing to the demography, the bulk of vaccines have been administered to people in the 18-44 age group. The numbers, however, have now started decreasing. In mid-September, around 9.5 lakh doses were administered to the group in a week. This was also the peak. Since then, the numbers have been declining slowly and this week, only 3.18 lakh doses have been administered.

Overall weekly vaccination figures have also come down from 11.59 lakh in mid-September to 3.9 lakh over the



70 lakh people have got both doses. Archive



itancy in getting vaccinated. "While there was some hesitancy, especially in those above the age of 60 initially, several outreach programmes have helped address that to an extent. We are hopeful that all those eligible will have got at least one shot till December. As per our calculations, only around 30 lakh people are yet to get a single shot. But we also have to remember that a lot of people from neigh-

friend had gone to Khatushyam

temple in Rajasthan two days

ago, and his friend had been

staving with them since then. "...

At 2.45 am, I heard a gunshot

and saw that Neeraj and Lekhraj had shot my friend. My nephew

was not in the room. They [ac-

cused then opened fire at me and

bouring states like Uttar Pradesh and Haryana came to Delhi to get vaccinated. That will also have to be kept in mind while collating data," said a senior Delhi government official.

In districts bordering other states, such as Northwest Delhi, which borders Harvana, several people got vaccinated in centres outside the city. "While numbers say that not all of our population above 60 is vaccinated, when we go for outreach programmes, we find that many people took the jab in Haryana as the centre was closer to them," said a senior district official

North MCD rolls back hike on factory, trade licences

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE NORTH MCD Thursday a bullet hit me on the left side of my waist," he alleged. He added rolled back the hike on factory that once the accused left, he imand trade licences. However, the

'Desecration' FIR against Singhu lynching victim

HOSPITAL BEDS

Recoveries

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PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON. OCTOBER 21

THE HARYANA Police have registered an FIR against Lakhbir Singh, who was lynched and strung up to a barricade at Singhu border last week, for alleged desecration of the Sikh holv book

Singh has been booked under IPC Section 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs).

Police sources said the FIR was registered at Kundli police station on the evening of October 17 based on a complaint by Jathedar Balwinder Singh of Moian Di Mandi, Panth Akali Nirvair Khalsa, Udna Dal. On the same day, two Nihang Sikhs from Balwinder Singh's group - Bhagwant Singh and Govind Preet - had surrendered to police for their alleged involvement in the murder of

akhbir Confirming the develop-ment, Virender Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Law and Order, Sonipat, said, "FIR number 612 was registered against Lakhbir Singh under Section 295-A of IPC. A probe is

underway.' In the FIR, the complainant said that his group had come to the border in solidarity with the farmers' protest in February and he had gone to his headquarters in Fatehgarh Sahib later.

He claimed that on October 15, at 6.45 am, he received a call from the Singhu border from a granthi, who told him that the holy book had been desecrated and blamed the victim.



Singh further stated in the complaint that two Nihang Sikhs caught Lakhbir Singh as he was running. In the FIR, he reiterated an allegation made by the Nihangs earlier - that the victim had told the mob he was

paid Rs 30,000. When contacted, Balwinder Singh confirmed that he had sought an enquiry into the incident.

On Wednesday, police had said they were looking to ascertain the veracity of a video clip that purportedly showed the Singhu victim telling a mob that he was given Rs 30,000, and sharing the phone number of a person with them.

The man, whose phone number he had mentioned, had said he had nothing to do with the incident and had never been to Singhu.

Police have so far arrested four Nihang Sikhs — Sarabjit Singh, Narain Singh, Bhagwant Singh, and Govind Preet Singh in the murder case registered on October 15 at Kundli police station. Police said the accused had confessed to having killed Lakhbir as 'punishment' for desecrating the Guru Granth Sahib.





Man shoots dead wife, two others at Faridabad village; two arrested

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 21

A 35-YEAR-OLD man was arrested for allegedly shooting dead his wife, mother-in-law and a friend of his brother-in-law Faridabad's Gothda Mohbtabad village in the early hours of Thursday. His friend has also been arrested in connection



The incident took place at Gothda Mohbtabad. Abhinav Saha

past week According to officials working in different districts of the city, people of all age groups seem to have overcome the hes-

from the Special Cell said the accused confessed to his role as a sleeper cell "head" in India and claimed he was part of bombing incidents and terror strikes in Delhi and Kashmir from 2009 to 2017

Don't harass eateries that offer herbal hookahs: HC to police

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Thursday directed Delhi Police to not "unnecessarily harass or park vehicles" outside eateries which offer herbal flavoured hookahs and directed the Delhi government to reconsider its decision on continuation of the prohibition on use of the hookahs at public places. The court, however, said police are permitted to make random checks as and when necessary.

Police stop suicide bid, save man

New Delhi: The Delhi Police's Cyber Unit saved a 43-year-old man who allegedly attempted suicide by consuming over 40 bottles of medicine inside his West Delhi home. Police Thursday said they received an email from Facebook officials as the man filmed the incident on Facebook Live. Police analysed his profile and got a number, following which teams were sent to his home. ENS

with the crime. Police said the accused have

been identified as Neeraj Chawla. who has a shirt button business in NIT, and Lekhraj, a tailor. Chawla also allegedly shot at his brother-in-law, who sustained gunshot injuries to his waist. He was taken to a private hospital and his condition is serious.

Police said, following their separation a few months ago. Chawla's wife took their 12-vearold son and went to stay with her mother and brother. The family used to live in Sector 56 and had recently rented the former's sarpanch house in the village.

"Four gunshots were fired. The accused have been arrested.

Bangladeshi artist's

exhibition postponed

Prima facie, it appears that Chawla suspected his wife of infidelity and hatched a plan to murder her and her mother. He also had a dispute with his brother-in-law over Rs 10 lakh related to the sale of a car. We will also question the boy...

Chawla had made a phone call to his son and asked him to open the main door," said inspector Dayananad, SHO, Dhauj.

Police said the accused entered the house at 2.26 am and escaped on a motorcycle at 2.51 am. "Within 25 minutes, they shot dead three people and injured another. The woman and

her mother were stabbed with a knife after they were shot,

According to investigators, the accused went to the first floor where the brother-in-law and his friend were asleep and shot them. They then went to a room on the ground floor where the two women were sleeping. The accused allegedly shot them and stabbed them with a knife to ensure they were dead, said police sources. Police said it is suspected that the boy ran out of the house on hearing the gunshots.

In the FIR, the brother-in-law stated that his family and his

rived, I went downstairs and saw said a senior police officer.

that my mother and sister were lying in a pool of blood," he said. The crime branch of DLF and Dhauj police teams arrested the accused from NIT on Thursday, over nine hours after the incident. A motorcycle and two guns have been recovered. Police said

the bodies were taken to civil hospital for post-mortem. An FIR has been registered against the accused under IPC sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 34(common intention) and relevant sections of the Arms Act.

mediately informed his sister decision to waive off property over the phone, but minutes later. tax of houses measuring up to 50 sq mts announced two months he heard more gunshots and called police. "When police arago is still on paper. Traders in categories A and B

will now have to pay a yearly trade licence fee of Rs 500 instead of Rs 3,450. Similarly, traders in C and D categories will pay Rs 500 instead of Rs 2,300.

The decision was taken during the house meeting Thursday. Standing committee head of the North MCD Jogi Ram Jain said the increased rates have been rolled back and people can now get a licence for three years renewed in one go. "For the past few days, several traders had contacted me regarding this," he added

As the civic body elections approach and with the Aam Aadmi Party mounting pressure, this is the second time the civic body has had to roll back its increased taxes. Earlier, the three MCDs had to revoke the increase in sanitation charges along with factory licence, trade licence, and commercial property tax.

Senior officials in the civic body said it was a catch-22 situation for the ruling BJP as, on one hand, it is finding it difficult to pay salaries due to a budget deficit and on the other, has to take populist measures. According to budget estimates presented this year, the liabilities have increased to Rs 7,523.97 crore from last year's Rs 6,176.32 crore.

There have been multiple strikes by nurses, doctors, teachers, and staff over non-payment of salary in the past five years.

Leader of opposition in the North MCD Vikas Goel said the BJP is yet to give any such rebate and it shows the roll-back was concocted.

On the property tax waiver, Jain said though the executive wing is delaying it, it would be approved soon. "They have to give an answer in court as the corporation is financially unsound. But since we have announced it, we would execute it," he said.

Farmers removed a tent, tractors, and other closures from their side of NH-9 on Thursday afternoon. Amit Mehra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

AFTER THE Supreme Court Thursday observed that farmers can't block roads indefinitely, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) said it was not protesters but police who have placed barricades at Ghazipur border on National Highway 9. Led by BKU leader Rakesh Tikait, a group of farmers protested against the police and said they are ready to make way for the public. In the afternoon they removed a tent, tractors, and other closures from

their side of NH-9. Following the Republic Day violence, the Delhi Police had stepped up security at all three farmer protest sites - at Ghazipur, there are more than 12 layers of temporary barricades with concertina wires and cement slabs on the highway while the lane that connects Ghaziabad's Khora to Delhi has also been heavily barricaded.

Delhi Police said the barricading was done only to stop farmers from entering Delhi. DCP (East) Priyanka Kashyap said, "We have created diversions on National Highway-9 for both public and protesters. All barricades can't be removed. They (farmers) are sitting on the UP side.

Trying to break the heavy chains and wires attached to the barricades, Chanchal Chaudhary (55), a farmer from Muzaffarnagar, said, "We are tired of the courts and government blaming us for blocking

roads. At Ghazipur, we have always helped the public and made way for commuters. It's not our fault that the Delhi Police treats us like Naxalites or terrorists. Look at the barricading, they are the ones blocking roads. We don't want to go to Delhi and are peacefully protesting here. They can remove all this.

Farmers said apart from the public, they too are affected by the barricading as they are forced to take a longer route to go to Delhi to get basic amenities like vegetables and milk.

Sukhba Singh, a farmer from Meerut, who claims he has been protesting at Ghazipur for over 11 months, said, "My son and I run a small langar at Ghazipur. We give free chai and fritters to everyone but have to travel from the border to the Khora area and then to Anand Vihar to buy groceries at the mandi. It takes us at least an hour. If the Delhi Police opens the road, we can easily use the highway and reach the mandi within 15-20 minutes.

Another group of farmers approached police and asked them to remove the barricading.

"Why are we being defamed for blocking roads? Our tents are on the side, and we want the public to use the roads. We also want them to see us and talk to us. We have been suffering for 11 months. We only put up a few closures because of the weather conditions. We have cleared everything now. Can Delhi Police do the same?" said Lokender Sharma, a member of BKU from Sisoli.

ing ready for display. The exhibition that also commemorates 50 years of

India-Bangladesh friendship is TWO DAYS before it was to open scheduled to travel to different at the Lalit Kala Akademi on cities – as per the original October 23. Bangladeshi artist schedule, it was to conclude in Rokeva Sultana's solo has been Delhi on November 21. It was to postponed. The exhibition organbe showcased at Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata, ised by the Bengal Foundation and the Indian Council for from December 11 to January 2, Cultural Relations (ICCR) was refollowed by Bengal Shilpalay in portedly postponed at the behest Dhaka from January 21 to March 9. A curtain raiser was held in

point soon," said Puri.

operative till now."

In Delhi for more than a

week now, Sultana said, "We

are looking forward to a time

when we can have the exhibi-

tion. Everything is in place and

we hope to hear back from the

ICCR, who have been very co-

Dhaka on October 6, where a monograph on the artist was also launched. It features essavs by art curator and critic Ina Puri and literary critic and writer S Manzoorul Islam. "Rokeya is an important artist of our times and it would be wonderful to be able to see her works in India at some

stated, "A new date will be an-

imation videos, film and sculptures - is in the final stages of be-

Electricity connections for Pak Hindu migrants: Centre opposes plea

SOFI AHSAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE CENTRE has opposed a petition seeking electricity connections for 200 Pakistani Hindu migrant families, who are currently residing in North Delhi's Adarsh Nagar, and in a reply told the Delhi High Court that the camp established by the families at DJB Maidan is an illegal encroachment on defence land.

The court last month had issued a notice to the Delhi government and Centre on the petition seeking relief for the families who have migrated from Pakistan.

The Ministry of Defence has told the court that the land measuring 70.253 acres was transferred to the DRDO in August 2018 and it has been consistently following up the removal of "unauthorised occupation/encroachment" on defence land with the district administration concerned and police. The Ministry had also taken up the matter for disconnection of electricity and water

supply of "unauthorised occupants" with the Jal Board and North Delhi Power Limited, the Centre told the court. "The present petition is misconceived in as

much as the camps which have been set-up/established at the Land are illegal and have been established as a result of encroachment on Defence land," reads the reply filed by the ministry.

In the plea filed by Hariom through advocate Samiksha Mittal and others, it has been stated that most of the migrants have a long-term Visa and Aadhaar cards, but the power company said that while Aadhaar can be used as ID proof, it cannot be used as proof of occupancy of the premises. The

electricity company has declined to provide them connections on account of lack of valid ownership proof of the applied address, the court was told.

The petition seeks a direction for including Aadhaar card and long-term Visa as sufficient proof by DERC in respect of the occupancy of the premises.

New Delhi

'We have been told there will be a new date soon and we understand these things happen sometimes. We are waiting for a new date and are absolutely looking forward to this exhibition," said Luva Nahid Choudhury, Director General, Bengal Foundation.

of the latter.

VANDANA KALRA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

While ICCR president Dr Vinav Sahasrabuddhe did not share a reason for the postponement of the exhibition, he

nounced later." The showcase at the Lalit Kala Akademi – featuring over 100 artworks, 35-40 photographs, an-

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DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

STANDING OVATION

ON A day India crossed the 100-crore Covid-19 vaccination milestone, the entire Cabinet and Council of Ministers on Thursday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Continuing the trend the BJP set to celebrate his birthday the party got 5 crore postcards with Thank You Modiji message mailed from booths across the nation - the ministers gave him a standing ovation at the Cabinet meeting in the morning. crediting the PM for "India's victory over Covid-19". There was also a meeting of the Council of Ministers in the afternoon.

LEADERSHIP QUESTION

AS THE BJP gets battle ready for Assembly elections in Gujarat next year by changing its chief minister and the ministry, the Congress too is finally moving to bring clarity on the leadership question. Rahul Gandhi will meet 15 senior leaders from the state on Friday, and on the table will be the issue of appointment of a new PCC president and CLP leader. Incidentally, many of the senior leaders – among them Arjun Modhwadia, Shaktisinh Gohil and Bharatsinh Solanki - besides Hardik Patil, who joined the party two years ago, are interested in the top job.

THE CALM

THE FIRST meeting of the newly constituted standing committee on Information Technology, which in the past had witnessed ruling and opposition MPs sparring over a number of issues, was surprisingly calm on Thursday, and finalised the agenda for the upcoming meetings in an amicable manner, said sources. Although the BJP MPs in the past had opposed and even demanded removal of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor from the post of chairman, this time they congratulated him for his re-appointment. To make things sweeter, BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Suresh Gopi distributed bananas from Kerala to the members to welcome them back to the panel, the sources said.

Genuine NGOs need not shy away from regulatory compliance: Centre to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THERE IS no fundamental right to receive unbridled foreign contris without any regulation

there exists no right to receive any foreign contribution outside the framework, it said.

The government said it recognises the role of NGOs and voluntary organisations in national develo ent and "or

Yogi: Khalid's father hatching conspiracy with Akhilesh

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 21

CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Thursday alleged that the father of former JNU student leader Umar Khalid, an accused in a Delhi riots case, had assured Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav that he was "hatching a conspiracy" in favour of the party. Reacting to Adityanath's re-

marks, the SP said he was trying to polarise the Assembly polls. Addressing BJP's Samajik

Pratinidhi Sammelans here, Adityanath said, "Opposition parties can go to any extent. You must have seen who recently came to meet a party: Umar Khalid's father, who says Bharat tere tukde honge.

"That person (Khalid's father) comes to meet the Samajwadi Party president and assures him not to worry as he is hatching a conspiracy for the party," said the CM. "What do you expect if these people come (to power)?"

Arrested in September last year, Khalid has been booked under the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for allegedly instigating the riots in northeast Delhi last year.

SKM suspends Yogendra Yadav for visiting BJP worker's house

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21 **EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, OCT 21 AS THE BJP finalises its strategies

THE SAMYUKTA Kisan Morcha Thursday suspended Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yadav for a month for visiting the family of a BJP worker who was killed in the Oct 3 Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

"A decision was taken to suspend Yogendra Yadav from the Morcha for a month. His visit to the BJP supporter's family did not throw good light on the farmers' movement. The leader will not be associated with SKM or any of its meetings during this time period," said Ruldu Singh Mansa, president of Punjab Kisan Union.

Yadav told The Indian Express: "I said it was a matter of principle and policy for me. In principle, we must be able to share the grief of our adversaries, no mat-

ter how deep our conflict..." SKM on Thursday demanded at an SC i ldge prob



CM at a police event in Lucknow on Thursday. Vishal Srivastav

SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said, "He (CM) is raising such issues to polarise the upcoming elections on communal lines. Everybody knows that as elections near, the BJP tries to polarise the society."

Chaudhary said he was not aware of a meeting between Umar Khalid's father and Akhilesh. "The SP is a socialist and democratic party. Any person and organisation is free to meet and extend its support," he said.

The CM alleged that the previous Congress, SP or BSP governments tore the social fabric in the name of casteism and threw the state into the fire of riots.

for the upcoming assembly elec-

tions, the RSS, taking note of the

fault lines, has asked the party

and its governments to adopt a

sensitive approach towards the

agitating farmers and avoid an-

sources told The Indian Express.

Noida earlier this week with Uttar

Pradesh ministers and party lead-

ers, senior RSS leaders are learned

to have conveyed to them that

there is a need to calm down

things in western Uttar Pradesh,

where the farmers' agitation

against the contentious farm laws

has intensified. MPs and MLAs

from the western Uttar Pradesh

region were also among those

past publicly expressed displeas-

ure over the farm agitation that

The RSS, which had in the

who attended the meetings.

be damaging for it.

In a series of meetings held in

communities,

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tagonising

These parties for their self-interest had, Adityanath said, mortgaged the state to the mafia, but this changed after the BJP government came to power.

Claiming to have fought the pandemic in "a proper way", he said, "Had this pandemic come during a Congress government, imagine, what would have happened. The brother and sister would have fled to Italy.... Had this (outbreak) occurred during the SP government, there would have been a race between the uncle and nephew as to who should grab how much without caring for the poor and how to give contracts to the mafia."

Calm tempers, RSS advises BJP

Cong promises smartphones, scooters for girls

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 21

DAYS AFTER announcing that the Congress will set aside 40 percent of tickets for women candidates in the next year's Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday announced that if her party is voted to power, it will provide free electric scooters to girl students after their graduation, and smartphones to those after clearing their intermediate exam.

Priyanka said during her visit to Agra to meet the kin of sanitation worker Arun Valmiki, who died allegedly in police custody, she came across some students who said they need smartphones not just for their studies but also security. "I am happy to announce

that with the approval of our manifesto committee, the state Congress has decided to provide smartphones to girls who clear Intermediate exam and electronic scooters to graduates, if elected," tweeted Priyanka.

Capt: My future linked to fight against farm laws

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

PUNJAB CONGRESS president Navjot Singh Sidhu Thursday opened a fresh front against Amarinder Singh calling him the "architect" of the Centre's three farm laws, drawing a sharp reaction from the former chief minister who dubbed him a "fraud and a cheat" and also went on to

school AICC general secretary Harish Rawat on "secularism". "The architect of three black laws... Who brought Ambani to

Punjab's kisani... Who destroyed Punjab's farmers, small traders and labour for benefiting one-two big corporates." Sidhu said in a tweet while uploading an old video of Amarinder Singh in which the former CM was heard saying that he had invited Ambani to Punjab to provide know-how for agriculture, seeds and purchase the crops.

Sidhu's tweet came two days after Amarinder, who is still part of the Congress, said he will launch his own political party and that he was hopeful of joining hand with the BJP, provided the ongoing farmers' stir against the agri laws was resolved in the agriculturists' interest.

Calling Sidhu, "a fraud and cheat", Amarinder accused the PPCC chief of "trying to pass off" his 15-year-old "crop diversification initiative" as connected with the farm laws. He said he was still fighting against the agri laws "and with which I've linked my own political future".

"It's obvious @sherryontopp you're clueless about Punjab's and its farmers' interests. You clearly don't know the difference between diversification and what the #FarmLaws are all about. And yet you dream of leading Punjab. How dreadful if that ever happens," Amarinder Singh was quoted as saying by his media adiser Raveen Thukral in a tweet.

Amarinder also questioned the timing of Sidhu's tweet, saying it has come at a time when the Punjab government was going all out to promote its upcoming Progressive Punjab Investors'

Former Punjab Chief **Minister Amarinder Singh**

Summit. "Or are you opposed to that too," he asked the former cricketer.

The Punjab government will hold the investors' summit on October 26 and 27.

Earlier, in a series of tweets, all through Thukral, Amarinder cited Sidhu's induction into Congress from the BJP and the party's alliance with the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra to hit out at Rawat for his statement that the former CM had killed the "secular Amarinder within him".

"Stop talking about secularism@harishrawatcmukii.Don't forget @INCIndia took in @sherryontopp after he was with @BJP4India for 14 years. And where did Nana Patole and Revnath Reddy come from if not RSS. And Pargat Singh was with @Akali_Dal for 4 years!" media advisor Raveen Thukral tweeted

quoting Amarinder Singh. "And what are you doing with @ShivsenaComms in Maharashtra? Or are you saying @harishrawatcmuk Ji that it's ok to join forces with so-called communal parties as long as it suits @INCIndia purpose. What's this if not sheer political oppor-

tunism?" he asked Rawat. On the accusation of helping the Akali Dal, the former Punjab chief minister asked Rawat, "Is that why you think I've been fighting court cases against them for the last 10 years? And why I've won @INCIndia all elections in Punjab since 2017?" "The party has damaged its own interests by not trusting me and giving @INCIndia into the hands of an unstable person like@sherryontopp who's only loyal to himself," said Amarinder.

arately with small groups of leaders, RSS joint general secretary Krishna Gopal, who was the point person for the BJP from 2015 to 2020, conveyed that the party should "calm down" the tempers among the protesting farmers.

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ahead of Assembly elections against it as "the farm laws were not the only issue" that may play

the decisive role. However, the recent death of four farmers in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident may have worsened the situation.

Sources in the BJP acknowledged that party leaders were still divided over attempts by a section to link the protesters to Khalistani separatists. "This has further damaged the party's image in the Sikh community. Although the BJP is not nursing high hopes about electoral gains in Punjab, antagonising all minority communities does not go down well for the party," said a senior BJP leader.

Earlier, BJP MP Varun Gandhi had publicly slammed such attempts and warned that it could be dangerous to national security. The RSS advice assumes signif-

icance as Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had asked party leaders to work against attempts to "portray the BJP as a

communal party". In marathon

bearers of the party a few weeks

ago, Modi had urged the lead-

ers to chalk out strategies to get

rid of the "communal image",

and work towards making the

BIP acceptable to all.

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EXPLAINED WITH the BJP preparing for elections in Uttar Pradesh, the results of which will be crucial for the ruling party at the national level as well, the RSS wants it to take a stand that would make the party more acceptable. The RSS leader-

ship believes that alienating smaller communities, which it considers as part of the larger Hindu community, would have its consequences.

Although the BJP too has as-

the Centre has told Supreme Court, defending last year's amendments to the 2010 Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).

In an affidavit filed on Wednesday in the court, which is seized of three petitions in the matter - two against the amendments and one seeking stricter implementation – the Home Ministry said "in fact, there exists no fundamental right under which any right, legal or otherwise, can be said to include the purported right to receive foreign contributions". Parliament has made the Act, laying down a clear legislative policy of strict controls over foreign contributions for certain activities in the country, and

India hopes to work with China for resolution of issues: Shringla

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21 EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FOREIGN SECRETARY Harsh Vardhan Shringla Thursday said that peace and tranquility in the border areas is a "sine qua non" for India and China to work together, and that New Delhi hopes that Beijing will work with it to bring a satisfactory resolution to the current issues, keeping in view each other's sensitivities and interests.

need not shy away from any regulatory compliance mandated under the...Act." The government said foreign

contributions, considering their vast expanse of abuse, are a tightly regulated means and that it is well within its rights to make changes to effectively implement the objectives set by Parliament.

On the provision requiring office-bearers to furnish Aadhaar numbers, the affidavit said this "would facilitate proper identification of person and associations with which the persons are connected for facilitating monitoring of activities of associations which should not be detrimental to the national interest..."

lynching. It demanded that Union ministers Narendra Tomar and Kailash Choudhary resign for meeting a Nihang order chief whose group was allegedly involved in Lakhbir's killing.

CABINET DECISIONS

Cabinet approves 3% hike in DA for govt employees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE UNION Cabinet on Thursday approved a 3-per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA) for Central government employees and dearness relief (DR) for pensioners over the existing rate of 28 per cent of basic pay/pension.

The decision was taken in the Speaking at a seminar on "Leveraging China's Economy", Union Cabinet meeting, chaired Shringla said developments along by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. the LAC in eastern Ladakh have The new rates of DA and DR

"seriously disturbed" the peace will be effective from July 1.

and tranquillity in border areas, Briefing the media, Union Information and Broadcasting and affected the relationship too. "We hope the Chinese side Minister Anurag Thakur said that will work with us to bring a satisthe decision will benefit 47.14 lakh factory resolution to the current Central government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners. He issues so as to make progress on our bilateral relations keeping in said approval was given for restorview each other's sensitivities.asing three arrear instalments of DA In July this year, and the rate of DA pirations and interests," he said.

Aamir Khan

28 per cent. With a 3-per cent hike now, the DA rate will become 31 per cent, Thakur said.

In a statement, the government Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief would be Rs.9,488.70 crore per annum.

Following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, three additional instalments of DA to Central government employees and DR to pensioners – which were due from January 1, 2020, July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021 – had been frozen. A decision to release these instalments was taken in the

of the view that the perception gered "lot of anger and angst" in the Sikh community in Punjab that the ruling party is turning "hostile" towards Jats and Sikhs and among Jats against the party, its leaders were still optimistic in parts of Uttar Pradesh could that Jats in western Uttar Pradesh During his meetings, held sepwould not vote overwhelmingly

> Govt panel okays group to steer PM Gati Shakti plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT on Thursday

set in motion the execution of its ambitious PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) by approving a three-tier mechanism, including an all-powerful empowered group of secretaries (EGOS) under the Cabinet Secretary to review and monitor

Cabinet Committee on Economic proved constitution of a Network Planning Group (NPG) and a Technical Support Unit (TSU) to

Thakur said, "EGOS will be

headed by the Cabinet Secretary and will consist of Secretaries of 18 ministries as members and head of Logistics Division as member-convenor."

"The CCEA has approved PM GatiShakti NMP, including institutional framework for rolling out, implementation, monitoring and support mechanism for providing multi-modal connectivity," said an official statement. "[EGOS] is empowered to prescribe framework and norms for undertaking any subsequent amendments to the NMP.

The statement said, "EGOS will also look at interventions required to meet the demand side, in efficiently transporting bulk goods on the requirement of various Ministries like Steel, Coal, Fertilizer, etc.'

PM Gati Shakti NMP was launched on October 13.

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Aamir Khan's ad creates unrest among Hindus: Karnataka BJP MP Hegde

DARSHAN DEVAIAH BENGALURU, OCTOBER 21

KARNATAKA BJP MP Ananthkumar Hegde has objected to the latest advertisement of tyre major Ceat Ltd which shows actor Aamir Khan advising people against bursting firecrackers on the streets.

In his letter dated October 14, the Uttara Kannada lawmaker has asked company MD and CEO Anant Vardhan Goenka to take cognisance of the advertisement creating "unrest among the Hindus"

"Your company's recent advertisement in which Aamir Khan advising people not to firecrackers on the streets is giving a very good message. Your concern for public issues needs applause. In this regard, I request you to address one more problem faced by people on roads, i.e., blocking

roads in the name of Namaz on Fridays and other important festive days by Muslims." Pointing out that the advertisement raises the issue of noise



pollution, Hegde said, every is beyond the permissible limits. day,"loud noise is emitted from On Fridays, it is prolonged for mics arranged on the top of some more time. It is causing mosques in our country when great inconvenience to people suffering from different ailments [call of] Azan is given. That sound

and taking rest, people working in different establishments and teachers teaching in classrooms. Actually, this list of sufferers is very long and only a few are mentioned here.'

"As you are very keen and sensitive towards the problems faced by the general public and you also belong to the Hindu

community, I am sure you can feel the discrimination done to the Hindus since centuries," he added. In his letter, he said a group of "anti-Hindu actors" always hurt the Hindu sentiments

whereas they never try to expose the wrongdoings of their community. "Therefore, I kindly request you to take cognisance of this particular incident where your company's advertisement

has created an unrest among the Hindus," Hegde said.

This comes right after the controversy over the latest collection of FabIndia, a popular clothing brand. Facing severe backlash for calling the collection, assumed to be the Diwali collection, 'Jashn-e-Riwaaz', the company pulled its advertisement as well as the tweet.



New Delhi

Ananthkumar Hegde

said, "This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both

was increased from 17 per cent to

the implementation of the plan. A decision to this effect was taken in the meeting of the Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister. The CCEA also ap-

Union minister Anurag

assist the EGOS. Cabinet meeting on July 14, 2021.

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Dhanbad Sub-Division under Asstt.

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Name of services.: Protective coating of 132 KV /33/11 KV Switchyard Structures at Dhalipur Power Station.

Estimated cost : Rs 44,00,000/- (GST Extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website : 22.10.2021 ast date for submission of tender on website :12.11.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs

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Place : Mumbai, Date : 21/10/2021



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(राम सेवक प्रसाद)

SC may order probe into functioning of Hyderabad **Cricket Association**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

OBSERVING THAT it will order an inquiry, the Supreme Court Replacement of existing CMS Crossing with on Thursday expressed strong WCMS, Replacement of switches with displeasure over the function-TWS. Replacement of SEJ with improved ing of Hyderabad Cricket SEJ, etc under ADEN/JPL, 2, Approx, cost Association (HCA), led by forof the work : ₹1,68,99,923,19, 3, Closing mer India skipper Mohd 08.11.2021, Up-to 14:00 hrs. 4.Website Azharuddin, and the row on particulars of e-tendering : www.ireps.gov.in the issue of appointment of for-Divisional Railway Manager/ mer SC judge Justice Deepak ECR/Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya Verma as the ombudsman.

"Cricket has gone somewhere else and politics has taken precedence," a bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana said, adding that it may order an inquiry into the Verma as Ombudsman.

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issue by a former judge. "We will appoint some good people, some retired udges of the Supreme Court or the High Court to conduct an inquiry. Let both the groups (of HCA) go...They will have to go out of the management. This needs a CBI inquiry. They want

to drag even the judiciary," said the bench. The court was hearing appeals filed by the HCA and its member 'Budding Star Cricket Club' against an order of the Telangana High Court. The HC. in April, had set aside an order of a civil court to suspend the decision of the apex council of the HCA to appoint Justice

दिनकि : 21.10.2021

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कुलसचिव

during Poonch combing op **ARUN SHARMA**

JAMMU, OCTOBER 21

ARMY TROOPS engaged in a combing operation to flush out militants in the forests in Poonch district of J&K on Thursday found and defused an IED in Chamrel near Dehra Ki Gali on Mughal road.

"Indian Army troops recovered an IED in the forest area in Sawalkot on Ratanpir Ridge in district Poonch," said Army spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand.

Sources said the IED was planted by militants on a tree in Chamrel forest apparently to inflict more damage on security forces. The security forces first came in contact with the militants

in the same forest in Surankote tehsil of the border district on October 11 morning. Five soldiers, including a JCO, were killed in the

IED planted on tree detected

gunfight that followed. In the combing operation that followed, four more soldiers, including a JCO, were killed in a gunfight on October 14 in Bhata Durian area of Mendhar tehsil.

Pointing out that the search parties are yet to locate any militant, sources said the chances of their sighting are diminishing. However, the searches will continue for some more days.

The police have so far detained eight people, including a 45-yearold woman and her son, on suspicion of providing logistics to the militants

EC on bypolls: No political activity near constituencies

New Delhi: The Election Commission on Thursday warned parties not to carry out any political activity related to by-polls in areas adjoining districts and constituencies that are going to elections.

"It has been brought to the notice of the commission that certain political parties/candidates are organising electioneering activities in the areas adjoining the

district/constituency where the by-election is being conducted... In this regard all political parties/candidates are advised not to organise any political activities directly related to the by-elections even in the areas adjoining the district/constituency," EC said.

Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 assembly constituencies across states will be held on October 30.

IAMMU AND Kashmir Police arrested two people, including a police constable, from Kashmir's Anantnag district in connection with the arms dropping case in-

volving a drone from Pakistan in Phallian Mandal area near lammu. Sources identified the ar-

Internet snapped,

2-wheelers seized

Srinagar: Authorities have

shut down Internet in parts

of Kashmir while police

seized a large number of two-

wheelers ahead of Home

Minister Amit Shah's likely

visit to the Valley on Saturday.

Police said the move was part

of routine anti-terror meas-

ures. "Seizing some bikes and

shutting down of Internet of

some towers is purely related

to #terror #violence. It has

nothing to do with visit of the

Hon'ble HM," IGP, Kashmir

Arms dropped

by drone from

Pak: J&K cop

among 2 held

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Zone, said.

rested persons as Selection Grade Constable Ishfaq Malik of Verinag and Ghulam Rasool of Anantnag.

With this, a total of three people have been arrested from Anantnag in connection with the case. Authorities had seized a package dropped by a drone from Pakista in the Phalian Mandal area this month.

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🎑 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

स. ईसीआर/सीएओ/कॉन/डब्ल्य टी/ई.निविद उत्तर/14–21–22, दिनांक: 20.10.2021 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. ECR/CAO/C-N ETN-14-21-22, E-Tender is invited on behal of the President of India for the unde mentioned work.

. Name of work with it's location : Balance Viscellaneous Civil works in Khagaria (including) - Alauli (including) section and miscellaneous civil works for Goods Whar and Goods handling facilities at Alauli station in connection with Khagaria-Kusheshwar Asthan new Rail line project 2. Approx. cost of the work of ₹38,29,80,854.81/- 3. Date and time for closing of tender. : 15.11.2021 at 14.30 hrs 4. Website particulars. Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alogwith full information is available on



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Dated : 21.10.2021 Short E-tender No. TNCSC/21-22/ET-29 Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation invites Online electronic tender for the "purchase of 60,000 Metric Tonnes of any one of dal namely Tur dal (Split-Husked & Fatka) / Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil 1X660MW PANKI EXTENSION PROJECT, PANKI, KANPUR UTTAR PRADESH RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD. (Split-Husked & Laired No.2) / Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil (Whole - Husked & Laired No.2) as per Agmark specification " Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **E-Tender Notice** Bids are hereby invited for all mentioned E-Tenders. Details o Tender Notice as well as Total quantity of work, Tender Specifications, Other terms & conditions available on our

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1. E-Tender – ET-05/PTEP/E&MCC-III/EMCD-VIII/2021 2022 Maintenance of submersible pump motors, Booster pumps and Valves of PTEP Panki, Estimated Cost: 4,15,000.00, Tender Fee: 590.00, Earnest Money: 9,000/-, OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER: 09.11.2021

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Terror funding **GAURI LANKESH MURDER** case: Court discharges 4

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

A DELHI court on Thursday discharged four persons in a terror funding case as the NIA failed to establish that they were involved in creating a sleeper cell for a Pakistan-based outfit as alleged by the agency earlier.

Special Judge Parveen Singh held that although the activities of the accused persons were suspicious and they were engaged in illegal activities of hawala transactions, the prosecution failed to bring forth any evidence which would establish the money trail that it was sent from Pakistan via Dubai.

The accused, Mohd. Salman, Mohd. Saleem, Arif Gulam Bashir Dharampuria and Mohd. Hussain Molani, were arrested by the agency for allegedly receiving money from Pakistani outfit, Falah-I-Insaniat Foundation (FIF), for attracting a group of sympathisers and sleeper cells to create unrest in India by sending funds for anti-terrorist activities here. FIF was declared a terrorist organization by the UN. "The mere fact the accounts were being maintained or receipts/reports were being sent to accused Kamran by Salman cannot be of much consequence," the court said

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday restored charges under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), 2000, against an accused in the September 2017 killing of journalist Gauri Lankesh.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar set aside the April 22 judgment of Karnataka High Court quashing the August 2018 sanction by the Bengaluru Police Commissioner for invoking the provisions of the Act against accused Mohan Nayak M and also the chargesheet under the provisions of the Act.

The bench said," at the stage of granting prior approval under...the 2000 Act...the competent authority is not required to wade through the material placed by the investigating agency before him along with the proposal for grant of prior approval to ascertain the specific role of each accused. The competent authority has to focus essentially on the factum whether the information/material reveals the commission of a crime which is an organised crime committed by the organised crime syndicate".



Gauri Lankesh.

The court said it is not necessary that a person to be booked under the Act has a direct role in the commission of the crime and it is enough that he has nexus with the accused who is a member of an organised crime syndicate or such nexus is related to the offence in the nature of organised crime.

The bench said the HC "without analysing the material presented along with chargesheet on the basis of which cognizance has been taken by the competent court including against... Nayak ...concerning commission of organised crime by the organised crime syndicate of which he is allegedly a member, committed manifest error and exceeded its jurisdiction in quashing the chargesheet filed before the competent court qua the writ petitioner...regarding offences under...the 2000 Act".



JOHNSONTA BENGALURU, OCTOBER 21

SC restores KCOCA against accused

RTI REPLIES show that the Karnataka government failed to file a special leave petition against the High Court order of April 22 dropping charges under the KCOCA against Mohan Nayak, an accused in the Gauri Lankesh killing, within the stipulated 90day time period. It was a plea filed by her sister Kavitha Lankesh that resulted in the Supreme Court taking up the matter. After Kavitha Lankesh's plea

on June 10, filed in her capacity as the original complainant, the Karnataka government had on July 26 also appealed against the High Court order. The 90-day limitation period for filing SLPs in criminal matters in the Supreme Court against a high court order ended in this case on July 22.

Replies to RTI pleas filed by The Indian Express with the Karnataka and Bengaluru police and the state home department show

that the government dragged its feet despite prosecutors and police pressing for an SLP.

The then Karnataka minister for home and law was Basavarai Bommai, who became Chief Minister on July 28. Just before the state filed the SLP in the Supreme Court, Bommai had told The Indian Express the matter was still under deliberation. "These are all decisions that have to be considered and taken," he had said.

In the April 22 order, the High Court had quashed the sanction given by the Bengaluru police chief in August 2018 to invoke the KCOCA against Nayak and others. The Supreme Court held that the High Court Sent had erred in quashing the sanction.

An RTI reply from the Bengaluru police shows that the SIT in the case received a report on April 26, 2021, from the special public prosecutor saying the April 22 order was fit for being ap-

pealed against in the Supreme Court. On May 3, SIT officials wrote to the office of the state

DGP, attaching the submission of the special public prosecutor. The letter stated that the High Court order must be challenged.

An August 18 RTI reply by the state home department shows that a special committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajneesh Goel -- which decides on filing cases in the Supreme Court -- first met on June 8. "It was observed in the meeting (of June 8) that the case was serious and sensitive... that it would be appropriate to obtain the opinion of the advocate general." sOn July 9, the issue was taken up again by the committee and it was reported that the chairman, the Karnataka Home Secretary, had been told by the state advocate general that the panel could decide. Consequently, the Karnataka government finally filed an SLP on July 26.

By then, Kavitha Lankesh had already approached the Supreme Court. She told The Indian Express that she felt she "could not wait for the government to decide".

Lakhimpur: SIT seeks custody of MoS son, 3 others

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 21

Ashish, a prime accused, and

three others. A local court is likely

to hear the SIT application on

Friday. Mishra, Ankit Das

(nephew of former Union minis-

ter Akhilesh Das), his driver

Shekhar Bharti and gunner Lateef

had identified drivers and several

occupants of three SUVs, which

ran over protesting farmers on

October 3, killing four of them

and a journalist. Three others

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hear the petition," said government counsel SP Yadav. Police WITH FRESH evidence emerging said they wanted to confront Ashish Mishra and others with during its investigation into the Lakhimpur Kheri deaths case, the four other accused arrested on Uttar Pradesh Police's Special Monday. Investigation Team (SIT) on This is the second time SIT has Thursday sought three-day police sought police custody of the four accused. Ashish's first police cuscustody of Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra's son

tody ended on October 15 morning. During his remand period, Ashish was taken to the incident site where SIT recreated the crime scene. He was taken to his native village Banveerpur where, he claimed, he was attending a wrestling match at the time of the incident. Meanwhile, the Lakhimpur Kheri court Thursday sent four other accused - Sumit Jaiswal, Shishu Pal, Nandan Singh Bhist and Satya Prakash Tripathi - to three days' police custody. They were arrested on Monday and are lodged in jail. Their police custody would start from Friday, said Yadav.

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"Besides Ashish Mishra, police have moved an application seeking police remand of Ankit Das, ments of two dozen witnesses his driver Shekhar Bharti and priand arrested 10 people.

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DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Campus, KutbiGuda, Koti , Hyderabad, Telangana

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Advertisement No: 05/2021, Date: 22/10/2021 National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER Guwahati is an Institute of National Importance set up by an Act of Parliament under the aegis of Dept. of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, to impart higher education and undertake advanced research in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology. NIPER-G desires to recruit Professors for the institute in various departments as detailed below. NIPER-G is looking for candidates, who exhibit a high level of achievement, scientific maturity ability to conduct research, guide students and possess leadership qualities in the chosen field. Online Applications are invited from the eligible Indian Nationals for Direct Recruitment for the Teaching positions on requiar basis through open competition.

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MP clashes: 12 FIRs, 39 held

IRAM SIDDIQUE

POLICE HAVE lodged 12 FIRs and arrested 39 people in connection with the five clashes that broke out during Milad-un-Nabi procession on October 19 in three districts of Madhva Pradesh.

have been named in the FIRs and more than 200 are unidentified.

two separate incidents of clashes

Rajpur and Ŝendhwa. În Dhar, 12 people were arrested and 96 named in five FIRs.

The police said 158 people

The highest of 22 people have

been arrested in Barwani district after the police lodged six FIRs in

police have booked 24 people under 12 sections of the IPC, including attempt to murder, and under three sections of Explosive Substance Act 1908. Six people have been arrested.

Home Minister Narottam Mishra told reporters in Bhopal, "None of the miscreants who are trying to disrupt the peace of the

Society website www.awesindia.com

meet the demand of extra traffic, Railways have decided to run the following Special Train as under:-

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BHOPAL, OCTOBER 21

F-35B jets on board the HMS Queen Elizabeth, off the coast of Mumbai on Thursday. Sushant Kulkarni

India-UK exercise to focus on digital interoperability

SUSHANT KULKARNI HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, OCTOBER 21

DIGITAL interoperability will be the pivotal aspect of the upcoming joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom that will mainly com-



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Whereas Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana (DTCP) has granted License no. 36 of 2012 dated 22.04.2012 (5,568 Acres) and License No. 02 of 2013 dated 22.01.2013 (6.76875)

Acres) on total land measuring 12.33675 Acres for setting up of an integrated commercial

state would be spared. The police will take strict actions..

EDUCATION SOCIETY (Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860) **REQUIREMENT OF VENDORS FOR CONDUCT OF ONLINE SCREENING TEST**

1. Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) invites tenders from registered, eligible vendors for conduct of 'ONLINE SCREENING TEST' for selection of teachers for Army Public Schools under Army Welfare Education

ARMY WELFARE

2. Request for proposal (RFP) for tender is available at the

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which had conducted bilateral Passage Exercise with the Indian Navy in July earlier this year, is now slated to conduct more focused exercises with the Indian Navy and the Air Force later this month on its way back to the UK. The CSG, comprising nine ships, 32 aircraft, including F-35B fighters and choppers, and 3,700 personnel had set sail from the UK in May this year on its inaugural deployment engaging with 40 countries. Interacting with reporters onboard HMS Queen

Four-day Navy Commanders' Conference ends

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE NAVY'S leadership discussed the primacy of operational assets in its four-day conference of its commanders which ended on Thursday. During the second edition of the biannual conference, the commanders deliberated on methods to optimise outcomes and fulfill operational requirements, in all facets such as operations, acquisitions, infrastructure, maintenance, logistics, HR management and training.

Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh addressed the commanders on important issues.

The Navy commanders also interacted with CDS General Bipin Rawat and the chiefs of the Army and the Air Force and discussed "wide range of issues including ways to enhance tri-services synergy in view of the evolving regional security scenario," said the Navy.

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NOTICE

No. F. Recruitment/Nursing Officer/2021

Vacant posts of Nursing Officers in Central Government Hospitals i.e. (i) DR SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL (SJH); (iii) LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL (LHMC&SSKH); and (iv) KALAWATI SARAN CHILDRENS HOSPI be filled up through Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility T conducted by AIIMS, New Delhi. The details of vacancies are as under:-

S. N.	Name of the Institution	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PWBD#	Total Post
1.	DR. RML HOSPITAL	14	08	04	02	03		31
2.	SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL	242	118	73	48	48	64*	529
3.	KALAWATI SARAN CHILDREN HOSPITAL	17			01	11		29
4.	LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE	28	21	08	04	28	06**	89

Note:-

- 1. The number of vacancies mentioned is tentative and are liable to change.
- # PWBD included in total vacancies applied horizontally across different reserved for PWBD applied horizontally across different categories.
- * Including 45 backlog vacancies.
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- The aspiring applicants satisfying the eligibility criteria in all respect can through ON-LINE mode. The On-line applications can be done through www.aiimsexams.ac.in from 16.10.2021 to 30.10.2021 up to 5:00 PM conducted in online (CBT) mode only on 20.11.2021. The detailed infor of Status of application, date of uploading of Admit card etc.) related to co result will be uploaded under Scheme of Examination by the Examination due course of time in the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. No documents of on-line application form are required to be sent in Physical form.
- For eligibility criteria, experience, age limit and relaxation thereon, applica process and other terms and conditions please visit http://www.lhmc-hos





EXPRESS NETWORK

Jammu: Sub-judge convicted of rape, cheating woman

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, OCTOBER 21

A FAST track court on Thursday convicted a suspended sub-judge, Rajesh Kumar Abrol, of rape and cheating a woman on pretext of providing her legal support.

The court fixed October 23 for hearing the matter regarding quantum of sentence.

Observing that all the evidence on record point towards the guilt of the accused, Presiding Officer of the court Khalil Choudhary said: "There is complete chain of events and facts to indicate that within all human probability the crime was committed by the accused and all the circumstances brought on record and established are consistent with the guilt of the accused and inconsistent with his innocence.'

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NAVJEEVAN GOPAL CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 2

THE 35-YEAR-OLD labourer who was found murdered at the farmers' protest site in Singhu last week in Delhi, allegedly for desecrating the Sikh holy book, was taken there by the Nihang Sikh who was the first to be arrested in the case, a top Punjab Police officer told The Indian

Express The officer said Lakhbir Singh, who was found with his hand chopped and with multiple injuries, was in touch with the accused Sarabjit Singh. Sarabjit reportedly frequently visited Lakhbir's village Cheema Kalan. As per a police functionary,

Sarabjit had moved to Dubai after Class 10 for four-five years,



Nihang accused of killing Lakhbir

may have taken him to Singhu site

Lakhbir Singh

and got married in 2007 to a woman, but the marriage had ended in a divorce in 2017. The same year, he is said to have gone to Hazoor Sahib in Nanded, got baptised and became a Nihang

Meanwhile, the Budha Dal

कार्यालय, नगर परिषद, मिहिजाम

अपराहन–05:00 बजे तक।



Asked about the video, Aman Singh told The Indian Express: "In times of trouble, a person is deserted by everyone.'

Police records show several cases against Aman Singh, including attempt to murder, trespass and under the NDPS Act. He was imprisoned in 2017 on the charges. Aman Singh said he was false implicated in the cases.

5 trekkers found dead in Kinnaur; four still missing

OM PRAKASH THAKUR SHIMLA, OCTOBER 21

FIVE OF the 11 missing trekkers, who had started their expedition from Uttarakhand, were found dead in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur on Thursday, a senior official said, adding the bodies were recovered by recuse teams led by the Army and ITBP.

Four trekkers are still missing, while two, including a guide, have been rescued, Kinnaur Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq said. A team of 17 trekkers had left

in Uttarakhand's Harsil Uttarkashi district for Chitkul in Kinnaur on October 11. On Wednesday evening, six of them reached Kinnaur and informed the administration that several others had gotten trapped in the snow in Lamkhaga Pass amid inclement weather.

The Lamkhaga Pass, located at an altitude of 20,000 feet

above sea level, is one of the toughest passes which connects Kinnaur with Uttarkashi.

Sadiq said the Army and the ITBP launched a rescue operation Thursday morning and recovered the bodies of five trekkers from snow at different places. The bodies will be airlifted to Uttarkashi on Friday, he added.

The rescue operation had to be suspended due to bad weather at 2 pm on Thursday, the official said, adding that it would resume on Friday at 6.30 am.

The team members have been identified as Anita Rawat (38) from Delhi, and Mithun Dari (31), Tanmay Tiwari (30), Vikash Makal (33) Saurav Ghosh (34) Saviayan Das (28), Richard Mandal (30) and Suken Manjhi (43), all from Kolkata. The cooking staff have been identified as Devendra (37), Gyan Chandra (33) and Upendra (32), all from Purola in Uttarkashi. SDPO Bhavnagar Raju said the rescue team is yet to identify the bodies.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah conducts an aerial survey of flood and landslide affected areas of Uttarakhand. PTI

In rain-hit Uttarakhand, Shah conducts aerial survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 21

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Thursday visited rain-ravaged Uttarakhand, where the death toll from flooding and landslides triggered by incessant showers has risen to 64.

Shah carried out an aerial survey to assess the damage caused in the disaster, and said losses were minimised due to timely response by authorities. "I conducted an aerial survey

Himachal Pradesh from where

monsoon retreats the earliest, are

dry. So, the Western Disturbances

are restricted to causing light win-

ter rainfall from November. This

year, however, a combination of

Western Disturbances along with

the low-pressure system created

by the monsoon has led to un-

Experts say the low-pressure

area travelled all along the

Northern Limit of Monsoon

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अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या – 04/2021–22 कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, नगर परिषद, मिहिजाम। विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि दिनांक-01.11.2021 एवं दिनांक-02.11.2021 को पूर्वाहन 11:00 से

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Changing monsoon pattern led to Oct rain'

UTTARAKHAND

IN UTTARAKHAND, 64 people lost their lives this week on account of excessive rain and the landslides. IMD data also shows that Uttarakhand recorded an alarming 192.6 mm of rainfall in October, out of which 122.4 mm was recorded in the 24 hours that caused mass devastation.

Uttarakhand, as well as other states such as Kerala, is linked to the changing patterns of monsoon, said experts. Over the past decade, the monsoon has been retreating far later than before. The extended stay of the monsoon means that the weather systems

Centre rolls out Veer Gatha project for school students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21 SCHOOL STUDENTS across the

"To honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the Armed Forces, other lawfully constituted forces and civilians, gal-

(NLM) which was then passing the Western Disturbances, which are present in the country through through parts of Central India. The system moved north towards the year, rise above a certain latitude in February and then de-Uttarakhand and then recurved scend after October. This is the towards Uttar Pradesh. time the monsoon has retreated "Had the monsoon departed from the country, so the conditimely, we would not have seen tions, especially in hill states such such torrential rains...While there as J&K, Uttarakhand and

was a Western Disturbance up in the hills, two low pressure areas were seen over MP and the Bay of Bengal, respectively. What prompted these systems was the delayed withdrawal of monsoon...By then, the NLM was still passing through MP so these low pressure areas tended to travel deep inside the land," said G P Sharma, President, Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



EXPLAINED Delayed monsoon trigger HAD MONSOON departed on time, there would not have been

such torrential rain, say experts. The normal date for withdrawal of monsoon from the entire country is October 15. This year, monsoon is ex-

pected to retreat entirely by October 26.

are still present in the country to create the circumstances for sporadic excess rainfall. Experts said

What has happened in

country will be nudged to prepare projects in the form of poems, paintings, essays or multimedia presentations on the lives of gallantry award winners, according to a Union government initiative which was rolled out on Thursday.

The project 'Veer Gatha' aims to make school students aware of the gallantry award winners, "honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of India's brave-hearts". "celebrate the valiance and courage of armed force officers and personnel".

Under the project, the submissions will first be vetted by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), following which a committee appointed by the Ministry of Education will pick 25 best entries at the national level which will be awarded on Republic Day. The submissions will be accepted till November 20. Students of Class III to XII can

lantry awards are announced twice in a year – first on the occasion of the Republic Day and then on the occasion of Independence Day.

"In order to disseminate the details of bravery acts and the life stories of these brave-hearts among the students, it has been proposed by the Ministry of Defence that school students may be motivated to do projects/activities based on gallantry award winners," according to a government communication.

The Centre has suggested that the submissions should be structured in a way where students can lay out their vision for the nation had they been a gallantry award winner. In 2016, the Centre had launched illustrated story books on the valour of Param Vir Chakra awardees as part of a 'Veer Gatha' series.

The CBSE has also written to schools affiliated to it in this regard. Each school can submit up to four entries.



TESTS TODAY: 12,66,300 | TOTAL TESTS: 59,70,08,518 WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.28% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.72%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY Positivity	TOTAL VACCINATION
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STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S Deaths	TOTAL Deaths	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	118	27,281	0.65%	0.57%
Maharashtra	41	1,43,532	1.17%	2.18%
Tamil Nadu	20	35,968	1.10%	1.34%
West Bengal	14	19,021	1.54%	1.21%
Karnataka	8	37,984	1.64%	1.27%

Note: Data as on Oct 21; vaccination numbers as of Oct 20. Deaths include those from previous days

Daughter looking for son 'forcibly taken', Kerala CPM leaders booked

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 21

ON OCTOBER 19, her son turned 1. That's about the only thing a 23-year-old leader of the SFI, the students' wing of the CPM, knows as she does the rounds of police stations, the Kerala state women's commission and child welfare committee in search of her baby who, she has accused, was given up by her parents forcibly as they disapproved of

her relationship with the father. Anupama S Chandran filed the complaint with police in April. When no action was taken, she complained to the state police

chief as well as Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Finally, on

Tuesday, "backed by legal opinion", Thiruvanathapuram police registered an FIR against Anupama's parents – PS Jayachandran and Smitha James – both local CPM leaders. The father of the child is Ajith Kumar, a member of the CPI

student wing DYFI. Also named in the FIR are Anupama's sister and brotherin-law. On Thursday, the state women's commission, headed by CPM leader P Sathidevi, also registered a case based on Anupama's complaint.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, Anupama said, "As the biological mother, I have every right to know the details about my child. I want my child back and I am ready for a legal fight." However, police sources said, this was difficult the child had Anupama claimed.

been adopted from the shelter where he was left, and the regulations do not permit disclosure of his identity or whereabouts. Anupama said she and the

then married Ajith Kumar, a Dalit Christian, had fallen in love five years back. When she got pregnant, she said, Ajith got divorced. "When I was eight-month pregnant, in September last year, we started living together.'

She said her parents opposed the relationship, threatening to commit suicide if she did not end it. Later, Anupama said, they promised to get the two of them married and to "protect my child". But when she returned home, she was locked up and not allowed any contact with Ajith, she said. She resisted multiple attempts to get the child aborted, delivered the child. According to Anupama, three days later, when she and the baby were going home, the parents took him away forcibly. "Whenever I asked about my son, my parents tortured me. Even after my sister's wedding I was kept locked up.' Early this year, Anupama

On October 19 last year, she

managed to leave her parents' home and started living with Ajith. With no information on their son, on April 15, Anupama complained to the local police against Jayachandran.

After the FIR was registered Tuesday, police again approached the child welfare committee. Sources said they are hoping to get information considering a case has been filed.



THE INDIAN EXPRESS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 **VACCINE** MILESTONE 1 BILLION JABS The Foot Soldiers

Ten months after the first phase of the Covid-19 vaccination drive began, India hit the landmark 100-crore jabs on Thursday. As the country celebrates the milestone, The Indian Express takes a look at some of the healthcare workers who overcame struggles and vaccine hesitancy to make it possible

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

'Impossible for people to come to us, we go to them' DR RINCHIN NEEMA (41),

DISTRICT IMMUNISATION OFFICER, TAWANG Dr Rinchin Neema has led several Covid-19 vaccination drives since March. For the 41year-old, one of the most challenging trips was when he and his team undertook a 12hour-long trek to vaccinate a group of yak grazers in the remote border village of Lugthang, 14,000 ft above sea level.

A journey of seven hours by car was followed by an arduous trek from the base of the hill, featuring heavy rains during the monsoon in July. The team, dressed in raincoats and gumboots, had to navigate a terrain which was extremely inhospitable: slippery, muddy and steep."But that is just another day if you are an immunisation officer in a remote place like Tawang," said Neema

The official has administered vaccines in other remote places such as Mago and Jethang, the last Indian villages before the Tibet border. "In places like Arunachal Pradesh, where most people reside in remote areas, it is impossible for them to come to us. So we have to go to them... the last Indian **TORA AGARWALLA** citizens," he said.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

'The younger age group was the toughest to convince' ISHFAQ SHABIR (25),

NURSE, BARAMULLA

Over the last two years, Ishfaq Shabir has been working as the main nurse in Boniyar block of Kashmir's Baramulla district. Everyday, he would pick up the ice box and travel to villages right at the Line of Control. Away from the city of Srinagar and its power centres, he said, resistance to vaccines was high.

The health worker said when vaccination for the 18-44 age group was opened, dealing with the younger generation was a tougher task than any uphill trek in the villages.

"With the amount of misinformation on Covid-19 online, the generation that consumes this media was the toughest to convince," he said. Camps could not be held given the difficulty of the terrain. So, the team administered door-to-door vaccination to over 60 per cent of the population NAVEED IQBAL of this block.

KERALA

'No complaints... Just want leg work to be acknowledged'



Dr Rinchin Neema had to journey seven hours by car, followed by an arduous trek, braving heavy rain during the monsoon in July. Express

Overcoming grief to counselling villagers — a vaccine success tale

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS PUNE. OCTOBER 21

WEEKS BEFORE the Covid-19 vaccination drive started for senior citizens across the country in March, Dr Indira Parkhe, 39, medical officer at Shel Pimpalgaon primary health centre (PHC) in Pune district's Khed tehsil, faced a devastating reality. Her husband, Dr Deepak Thakre, a medical officer at Khamgaon tehsil in Maharashtra's Buldhana district, and like her among the key planners of the vaccination drive, died on February 15.

Numb with shock, and yet refusing to let the tragedy deter her, Parkhe underwent grief counselling - to carry on counselling villagers to get the vaccine dose. And a success it has been since, in a state that bore a heavy brunt of the second wave of Covid-19.

Khed tehsil has an approximate population of 5 lakh and has 10 PHCs, with two in the tribal blocks of Dehne and Kuda. The



Dr Indira Parkhe lost her doctorhusband, like her a key planner of vaccination in another district, weeks before vaccine drive began

with an approximate population of 58,000, and with small private clinics unable to fit the criteria of a Covid vaccination centre. the onus was on Parkhe's small government centre to vaccinate people

doses arriving at her PHC on March 10, Parkhe roped in 45 ASHA workers, set up a WhatsApp group, and started rolling out information on availability of doses and the day's schedule. "Besides villagers, there were walk-in beneficiaries from surrounding areas. Till date, 60,000 vaccinations have been recorded at Shel Pimpalgaon PHC," she said.

"We distributed tokens according to doses available that day. Camps were also organised at community halls, and villagers were encouraged to participate.... After his vaccine dose, the village sarpanch uploaded his picture as his WhatsApp status. Soon, almost everyone inoculated started displaying their picture (on WhatsApp)," Parkhe recalled.

Ninety per cent of the population in Khed tehsil has got getting the first dose of vaccine, and the focus is now on ensuring that most beneficiaries awaiting their second dose by October-end are inoculated."I am sure he would have been very happy; our centre won several awards for efforts

'Said similar apprehensions about Polio vaccine later proved baseless'

Lucknow: An Arts graduate, Padmawati had started working as ASHA worker in Mahraura and its linked Mehkumkhera village in in 2006. But the 45-year-old faced the toughest challenge in her job in past one year to convince villagers to take the Covid vaccine.

"Before the first jab, people had lots of apprehensions. They were worried due to rumours and were not willing to take the vaccine. Reports of some people developing fever after taking vaccine added panic," Padmawati said.

She had to walk or ride a bicycle daily in the summers to meet villagers, inquire about health and to convince them to take vaccine. "I told them that people earlier had similar apprehensions about the Polio vaccine, which proved baseless later. I also told them the government was currently providing vaccine free of cost, and later they may have to pay. I also told them that the vaccine is the best way to prevent their getting infected and to prevent a third wave of

cination drive in Telangana, goes door to door at Shadnagar in Ranga Reddy district. She says vaccination is a unique challenge because Shadnagar is a well-developed urban area but only a few residents step out to get vaccinated.

Dressed in a white cotton saree, Lalitha, along with a nurse, mostly has to coax residents to take the vaccine. "The first response when I knock on a door is that they do not want to take the vaccine. They say they have heard that a person taking the vaccine falls sick or develops high fever... With some of the residents, no amount of convincing works," she says.

She says she is surprised by the objections and excuses given by people while refusing the vaccine. "Many residents still believe in rumours and hearsay that taking the vaccine will make them fall ill. If one or two persons who took the vaccine get fever or body ache, that gets amplified and the news spreads everywhere and everyone turns against the vaccine," she said.

So, how does she convince people to finally take the vaccine? "First, I try to dispel the myths, and tell them falling ill after taking the vaccine is rare. Then I tell them that healthworkers are able to move around freely because we ourselves are fully vaccinated, and it gives good protection against Covid," she says. SREENIVAS JANYALA



Reeta Fulmadri administers the vaccine at Bade Sunkanpalli village.

CHHATTISGARH

'We had to ensure some people getting high fever don't discourage the entire region'

REETA FULMADRI (28), ANM HEALTH WORKER, BIJAPUR Reeta Fulmadri can't forget the day after Independence Day, when she got stuck in neck-deep water in a nullah on the way to Chote Sunkanpalli village in Bijapur district. Fulmadri, 28, is the second-in-command at the Maoistaffected district's Lingagiri sub-center. She was trekking to the village when the nullah suddenly filled up with water. "Right in the middle, I lost my footing because of the water flow, and when I regained balance, the water was up to my neck," recounted Fulmadri. Responsible for vaccination in six villages that fall under the Lingagiri subcenter in Usoor tehsil, Fulmadri had to cross more than geographical barriers to vaccinate more than 5,000 people. In June, with vaccine hesitancy at its peak, she organised sessions with different target groups, before taking the vaccine to the village. "People were worried that the vaccine would cause impotence or sterility. I would tell them that I am an unmarried woman from the village and I have gotten vaccinated. Why would I not want children for myself or others?" Fulmadri's trips needed clearance as well, from both the police and the Maoists. "We got threatened by some villagers that if something would happen, we would have to answer to the andar wale (a euphemism for Maoists). But since I am from the region, I could convince them," she said. GARGI VERMA

ASHA WORKER, IDUKKI

An ASHA worker for the last 12 years, Subaidha has been in the forefront of Covid-19 vaccination. A meagre monthly honorarium of Rs 6,500 has been pending for the last two months. Her husband Shahul is indisposed and can't go for work, while Subaidha, who contracted Covid in April, is still suffering breathing problems.

Since vaccinations began for the general public, she has had many hectic days, finding the right candidate as per the government



Subaidha Shahul contracted Covid in April and is still suffering breathing problems.

PHC at Shel Pimpalgaon covers 19 villages

With the first batch of Covid vaccine taken by the staff," Dr Parekh said.

pandemic," she said. LALMANI VERMA

norms. Even in April, when she was tested Covid positive and remained under home quarantine, health officials kept her engaged.

"Yet, I am happy to be part of the Covid-19 warriors. Since vaccination gained momentum in May, I have been doing leg work. Going from one house to another, scouting for the eligible persons to be persuaded to take the jabs at the local vaccination centre," said Subaida. "I have no complaints. We want our leg work to be attested."

Subaidha only has one worry - those who haven't taken the first dose of the vaccine so far. "Of the 1,065 eligible persons in my ward, 45 are reluctant...I am trying to convince them," she said. SHAJU PHILIP

PUNJAB

We were never rude, just polite DR SEEMA GARG (52),

DISTRICT IMMUNIZATION OFFICER, HOSHIARPUR When Dr Seema Garg joined as the

Hoshiarpur district immunization officer on January 1, the first major task she had at hand was the Covid-19 vaccination drive. There was massive vaccine hesitancy in Punjab, with not many healthcare workers coming forward.

Months later, as the country celebrates 100 crore doses being administered, the Hoshiarpur district has attained 82.4 per cent first-dose coverage of its estimated eligible population - higher than Punjab's average of 75 per cent. Also, 45 per cent of its eligible population is now fully vaccinated.

Dr Garg says the biggest challenge was to shun vaccine hesitancy not among the general public, but the department's own healthcare workers, and to convince ASHAs to get jabbed for their own safety.

'My message to them was simple: You are not doing this (to get vaccinated) for the government, but for your own safety. There was no way that we could have gotten rude and forced them to get vaccinated. It had to be a polite request and we kept appealing

and circulating those messages in WhatsApp," she said. DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL

ODISHA

'Informing people about the new disease and the vaccine was definitely a challenge' RANJITA SABAR (26),

HEALTHCARE WORKER, RAYAGADA Every Wednesday since May, Ranjita Sabar has been covering over 10 km on foot, walking through a forest and wading through streams, to reach the remotest villages in Kurli gram panchayat. The villagers here are all members of the Dongria Kondh – a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Monsoons have only made the journey even more taxing.

As cases began to rise in early May, a vaccination centre was set up at the foot of the hill after rigorous awareness campaigns in the villages. But convincing them to take the

vaccine has been a rather challenging task. On many occasions, Sabar, an ASHA worker and an anganwadi worker reached

villages only to find all the houses locked as people hid in the forests, fearing that the vaccine might kill them.

'Covering difficult terrain was not the challenge... Informing people about the new disease and the vaccine was definitely a challenge... We spent days talking to them individually and in groups, convincing them that even we took the same jab and nothing happened. Everything fell into place eventually," Sabar said. **AISHWARYA MOHANTY**

TELANGANA

'I tell them I am moving around freely as I am fully vaccinated'

CHEKALA LALITHA (35), ASHA WORKER, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT

Lalitha, one among the numerous ASHA workers who form the backbone of the vac-

PM SAYS TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE, ENTERPRISE, AND COLLECTIVE SPIRIT OF 130 CRORE INDIANS India hits 100-cr jab mark, a billion hearts light up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

FROM THE launch of an audiovisual film from the Red Fort to monuments being illuminated across the country. India on Thursday celebrated crossing the one billion vaccination milestone.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "India scripts history. We are witnessing the triumph of Indian science, enterprise, and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians. Congrats India on crossing 100 crore vaccinations. Gratitude to our doctors, nurses, and all those who worked to achieve this feat.

To celebrate the 100 crore vaccinations, the government made elaborate arrangements across the country.

First, Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare,



The Archaeological Survey of India, under the Ministry of Culture, illuminated 100 monuments across the country, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites like the Red Fort in Delhi, Agra Fort in UP and the Konark Temple in Odisha (pictured). PIB

launched an audiovisual film from the Red Fort. In all coastal states, ships anchored at Indian ports hooted as part of the celebrations. In Odisha, sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik showcased the 100-crore logo.

States were also asked to engage local artists, folk artists, and handloom artists for Thursday's celebrations. All states have been asked to run a campaign for five days – 100 districts, 100 different folk forms.

The Archeological Survey of India, which falls under the Ministry of Culture, also decided to chip in by illuminating 100 monuments across the country in the colours of the national flag – one monument for each crore that India has vaccinated. Such illuminations are usually reserved for national occasions such as Republic Day or Independence Day.

The ASI has also ensured that each state in the country has had several monuments illuminated for the occasion.



Govt busy patting its back but questions remain: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

AS THE government celebrated the milestone of administering 100 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses, the Congress Thursday said as many as 32 crore of the total 103 crore adult population has not received a single dose so far and asked the Prime Minister to tell the country by when will his promise of vaccinating all adults be fulfilled.

The Congress also demanded setting up of an independent commission, comprising health experts and judges, to look into the Covid deaths and fix accountability for the loss of lives during the two waves of the pandemic.

The commission can also identify all those who died so that their families can be provided adequate compensation. Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said at a press conference.

He said the Government is busy patting its back but many questions remain. "We

New Delhi

He claimed that as many as 32 crores of the 103 crores adult population has not received a single dose so far.

"The Prime Minister should tell the country by when will his promise of vaccinating all adults be fulfilled. The Prime Minister had set a December 31 deadline. To vaccinate the rest of the adult population, the government will have to administer 1.51 crore doses every day to achieve this... In the last 6 days..between October 16 and 21, an average of 39 lakh vaccines were administered daily," he said.

Surjewala said while the government is celebrating, India is ranked 19th among the G-20 countries, with only 21 per cent of its eligible population having taken both doses of the vaccine.



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WORDLY WISE I'VE NEVER SEEN A PRESIDENT IN US HISTORY WHO HAS LIED SO CONTINUOUSLY AND OUTRAGEOUSLY AS DONALD TRUMP. — MICHAEL BESCHLOSS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

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Covid vaccination success shows political will and formidable partnership between government and citizen, science and policy

N MARCH LAST year, when the WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic, the most optimistic prediction was that a vaccine against the novel coronavirus would come in 18 months. On Thursday, as India crossed the milestone of 100-crore Covid vaccine shots, belying the predictions of a range of naysayers, it is difficult to overstate the triumph it represents in the battle against the virus - and in the realm of public health at large. More than 70 per cent of the adult population of the world's second most populous country has received at least one shot of the vaccine and over 30 per cent of those eligible have received both the jabs. That this target was reached in less than 10 months after the vaccines were rolled out, without the rural-urban divide holding back distribution, is a marvellous achievement for India's scientific, regulatory and administrative agencies under the Centre and the states, as it is for the countless vaccinators on the frontlines. Covid-19 has taken a devastating toll of lives, inflicted social turmoil, exacted economic costs. But it also galvanised scientists, medical experts and policymakers to push the frontiers of their disciplines and domains.

In recent times, India's vaccination successes have largely been in the realm of child immunisation which helped mobilise a cadre of reliable vaccinators, created cold storage facilities of reasonable quality and fostered the development of a credible adverse-impact reporting system. The country also had vaccine manufacturers of proven capabilities including the Pune-based Serum Institute of India. Even then, the Covid inoculation project posed a different order of challenge. The emergency created by the unpredictable virus required every agency involved in developing and delivering vaccines to work on compressed schedules, without compromising on safety and efficacy. It required building capacities, especially those of the country's notoriously deficient public health infrastructure, and forging coordination mechanisms between scientific and administrative agencies at the Centre and state levels. Vaccine hesitancy tested the powers of persuasion and communication skills of local level officials and healthcare workers. The virulence of the second wave bared deficiencies of a vaccine procuring process that left the states to their own devices. But after a significant course-correction in the third week of June, prodded by the Supreme Court, the drive gathered impressive momentum: An average of 78 daily lakh jabs were administered last month, a far cry from the grim period of the second wave when 20 lakh shots a day were proving a tough ask.

India has, for decades now, boasted of state-of-the art medical research facilities. These institutions need more nurturing in a more enabling atmosphere. But a more important learning of the past 10 months pertains to developing delivery systems that can take the research output of the country's laboratories to the people who need them the most. The Covid guard must not be lowered, any new strain can throw a curveball. But October 21 is a reassuring marker that the political will and systemic resolve behind the vaccination drive can - and should - rise to the next challenge.

A WAITING GAME

At Moscow Format meet, it seemed clear that neither Russia nor China is rushing to fill void after US exit

HE THIRD MEETING of the Moscow Format – attended by representatives of 10 countries including Russia, China and Pakistan, with the US staying away reaffirmed the positions of regional and international actors on Taliban-ruled Afghanistan: It must be inclusive, must act against terrorist groups on its soil, and prevent them from carrying out attacks. Pakistan's representative highlighted his country's "well-recognised role" in the Afghan peace process; state-sponsored Chinese media blamed the US for its absence and affirmed "China and Russia's prominent role" in the Afghan crisis. Once India had been invited to attend, an interaction with the Taliban was foretold. The takeaway from the conference is that the situation in Afghanistan is still evolving, and neither Russia nor China is rushing to fill the void after the US exit, as Rawalpindi had perhaps hoped. Going by the Taliban version, the Indian delegation expressed willingness to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Afghanistan. While Delhi has been silent, the statement is of a piece with its earlier positions. India enjoys goodwill and a deep connection with the people of Afghanistan and it is certainly looking for ways to help - and be seen to help those ravaged by the conflict. The question, though, is whether the provision of humanitarian and economic assistance is possible without recognising - or at least engaging more formally with - the new rulers of Kabul. Second, and perhaps as important, is ensuring that the resources India provides are used for the benefit of the common people of Afghanistan. The Moscow Conference has also underscored the fact that it is up to the Taliban, and its backers in Pakistan, to convince the world of their intentions. In the over two months since the Taliban seized control of Kabul, neither Russia nor China has officially recognised the government. In fact, Moscow has drawn clear red lines and reiterated that the Taliban must provide stable governance, institutions and rights to the people of Afghanistan. Russia cannot afford instability in Afghanistan to reach its borders in the form of increased militancy, an influx of refugees or the greater flow of narcotics. In essence, it would not want to get embroiled in an unstable Afghanistan - memories of Russia's failed intervention have not completely faded in the state apparatus. Beijing, too, has been circumspect. For now, New Delhi seems to be staying with its policy of offering the people of Afghanistan help while playing the waiting game on the diplomatic and strategic fronts.



NARENDRA MODI

INDIA COMPLETED THE administration of 100 crore doses of the Covid-19 vaccine on October 21, 2021, in just about nine months since the start of the vaccination drive. This has been a tremendous journey in dealing with Covid-19, especially when we recall how things stood in early 2020. Humanity was dealing with such a pandemic after 100 years and no one knew much about the virus. We remember how unpredictable the situation appeared then, as we were faced with an unknown and invisible enemy mutating rapidly.

The journey from anxiety to assurance has happened and our nation has emerged stronger, thanks to the world's largest vaccination drive.

It has been a truly bhagirath effort involving multiple sections of society. To get a sense of the scale, assume that each vaccination took just two minutes for a healthcare worker. At this rate, it took around 41 lakh man-days or approximately 11,000 man-years of effort to reach this landmark.

For any effort to attain and sustain speed and scale, the trust of all stakeholders is crucial. One of the reasons for the success of the campaign was the trust that people developed in the vaccine and the process followed, despite various efforts to create mistrust and panic.

There are some among us who only trust foreign brands, even for simple everyday necessities. However, when it came to something as crucial as the Covid-19 vaccine, the people of India unanimously trusted "Made in India" vaccines. This is a significant paradigm shift.

The vaccine drive is an example of what India can achieve if the citizens and the government come together with a common goal in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari. When India started its vaccination programme, there were many people who doubted the capabilities of 130 crore Indians. Some said India would take three to four years. Some others said people will not come forward to get vaccinated. There were those who said there will be gross mismanagement and chaos in the vaccination process. Some even said that India will not be able to manage supply chains. But just like the Janata Curfew and subsequent lockdowns, the people of India showed how spectacular the results can be, if they are made trusted partners.

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When everyone takes ownership, nothing is impossible. Our healthcare workers traversed hills and crossed rivers across difficult geographies to vaccinate people. Our youth, social workers, healthcare workers, social and religious leaders, all deserve credit for the fact that India faces minimal vaccine hesitancy when compared to even developed nations.

Vaccination drive will spur our youth, innovators,

government to set new benchmarks of delivery

There was a lot of pressure from different interest groups to give preferential treatment to them in vaccination. But the government ensured that, like our other schemes, there is no VIP culture in the vaccination drive.

In early 2020, when Covid-19 was rampaging across the world, it was clear to us that this pandemic will have to be eventually fought with the help of vaccines. We started preparing early. We constituted expert groups and started preparing a roadmap right from April 2020.

Till today, only a handful of countries have developed their own vaccines. More than 180 countries are dependent on an extremely limited pool of producers and dozens of nations are still waiting for the supply of vaccines, even as India has crossed 100 crore doses. Imagine the situation if India did not have its own vaccine. How would have India secured enough vaccines for such a large population and how many years would that have taken? It is here that credit should be given to Indian scientists and entrepreneurs for rising to the occasion. It is due to their talent and hard work that India is truly aatmanirbhar when it comes to vaccines. Our vaccine manufacturers, by scaling up to meet the demands of such a large population, have shown that they are second to none.

In a nation where governments used to be known to impede forward movement, our government has instead been an accelerator and enabler of progress. The government partnered with the vaccine makers right from day one and gave them support in the form of institutional assistance, scientific research, funding, as well as accelerated regulatory processes. All ministries of the government came together to facilitate the vaccine makers and remove any bottlenecks as a result of our "whole of government" approach.

In a country of the scale of India, it is not enough to just produce. The focus has to be on last-mile delivery and seamless logistics. To understand the challenges involved, imagine the journey taken by one vial of the vaccine. From a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, the vial is sent to a hub in any of the states, from where it is transported to the district hub. From there, it reaches a vaccination centre. This entails thousands of trips taken by flights and trains. During this entire journey, the temperature has to be maintained in a particular range that is centrally monitored. For this, over 1 lakh cold-chain equipment were utilised. States were given advance notice of the delivery schedule of the vaccines so that they could plan their drives better and vaccines reached them on the pre-decided days. This has been an unprecedented effort in the history of independent India.

All these efforts were complemented by a robust tech platform in CoWIN. It ensured that the vaccine drive was equitable, scalable, trackable, and transparent. This ensured that there was no scope for favouritism or jumping the queue. It also ensured that a poor worker could take the first dose in his village and the second dose of the same vaccine in the city where he works, after the required time interval. In addition to a real-time dashboard to boost transparency, the QR-coded certificates ensured verifiability. There are hardly any examples of such efforts not only in India but also the world.

In my Independence Day address in 2015, I had said that our country is moving ahead because of "Team India" and this "Team India" is a big team of our 130 crore people. People's participation is the biggest strength of democracy. If we run the country through the participation of 130 crore Indians, our country will move ahead 130 crore steps every moment. Our vaccination drive has yet again shown the power of this "Team India". India's success in its vaccination drive has also demonstrated to the whole world that "democracy can deliver".

I am optimistic that the success achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive will further spur our youth, our innovators and all levels of government to set new benchmarks of public service delivery, which will be a model not only for our country, but also for the world.

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TRUTH HURTS

World has moved on and Trump's new soapbox may not get him the audience he craves

FTER HAVING HIS megaphone snatched by Facebook and Twitter earlier this year, former American President Donald Trump has decided to launch his own social media platform. It is called TRUTH Social - the typography faithfully reflecting Trump's penchant for capitalising key words - and will, according to a press release, "stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech", "give a voice to all" and form a "non-cancellable" global community. All of which is really just the Trumpian version of that familiar, petulant schoolyard retort: Fine, don't include me in your games, I'll just start my own.

This is not Trump's first attempt to find a communication foothold since he left office in January. A blog called "From the Desk of Donald J Trump" was launched in May, only to shut down in less than a month. Its successor is the new social media platform, a part of the Trump Media and Technology Group, which will also launch a subscription videoon-demand service featuring "non-woke" entertainment.

The launch of an alternative social media network is no big deal for a man who once created an entire universe of "alternative facts", from cancer-causing windmills, to having the 2020 presidential election "stolen" from him. It is in keeping with the broader philosophy of the Trumpverse: If something doesn't work for you, feel free to make up your own version of it. But is Trump likely to find as large an audience as he once did on social media, even if it's his own personal soapbox, given that he is no longer the leader of the free world? The world has moved on to other matters since January 20 and Trump rage-typing "FAKE NEWS!" from Mar-a-Lago, instead of the White House, doesn't have quite the same impact. The truth, therefore, is that he won't. But the "TRUTH"? That is bound to be a whole other thing.



PRABHASH RANJAN

DURING THE RECENT G-20 ministerial meeting in Italy, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal made a pitch for deepening India's trade ties with several countries. Indeed, India is negotiating free trade agreements (FTAs) with several countries. However, rising trade protectionism at home, demonstrated by several examples, could throw a spanner in the works.

First, as Arvind Panagariya has argued, the simple average of India's tariffs that stood at 8.9 per cent in 2010-11 has increased by almost 25 per cent to 11.1 per cent in 2020-21. The proportion of tariff lines with rates above 15 per cent in 2020-21 stood at 25.4 per cent, up from 13.6 per cent in 2014-15. These increases in tariff rates have reversed the political consensus on tariff liberalisation that India followed since 1991. Former finance minister Arun Jaitley had, in his 2018 budget speech, admitted to this. He declared that he was making a "calibrated departure" from the policy of cutting tariff rates.

Second, India is the highest initiator of antidumping measures aimed at shielding domestic industry from import competition. According to the WTO, from 2015 to 2019, India initiated 233 anti-dumping investigations, which is a sharp increase from 82 initiations between 2011 and 2014 (June). The anti-dumping initiations by India from 1995 (when the WTO was established) till 2020 stand at 1,071. This is higher than the antidumping initiations by the US (817), the EU (533), and China (292), despite India's share

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in the global merchandise exports being far less than these countries.

Third, India recently amended Section 11(2)(f) of the Customs Act of 1962, giving the government the power to ban the import or export of any good (not just gold and silver, as this provision applied earlier) if it is necessary to prevent injury to the economy. The power to ban the import or export of gold and silver is consistent with Article XX(c) of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), provided the ban is not applied in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner and does not constitute a disguised restriction on international trade. However, expanding the scope of Article 11(2)(f) to cover any good is inconsistent with India's WTO obligations. WTO allows countries to impose restrictions on imports in case of injury to domestic industry, not to the "economy". However, these trade remedial measures can be imposed only if certain conditions are satisfied and after an investigation – for example, if there is a sudden, significant and sharp increase in imports that is causing serious injury to the domestic industry. India already has laws to impose these trade remedial measures. Additionally, countries can also impose restrictions on trade on account of balance of payment difficulties and national security purposes. However, section 11(2)(f) of the Customs Act does not talk of any of these grounds to restrict trade, thus is unnecessary. Fourth, Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman in her budget speech of 2020 said that undue claims of FTA benefits pose a threat to the domestic industry. Thus, she argued, such imports require stringent checks. Subsequently, India amended the rules of origin requirement under the Customs Act. Rules of origin determine the national source of a product. This helps in deciding whether to apply a preferential tariff rate (if the product originates from India's FTA partner country) or to apply the most favoured nation rate (if the product originates from a non-FTA country). But India has imposed onerous burdens on importers to ensure compliance with the rules of origin requirement. The intent appears to be to dissuade importers from importing goods from India's FTA partners.

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OCTOBER 22, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

PRESIDENT'S RULE

KERALA WAS PUT under President's rule and the Legislative Assembly placed under suspended animation on October 21. The President, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, issued a proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution. The Governor, Jothi Venkatachalam, who will exercise the powers assumed by the President under the proclamation, will be assisted by an adviser T N Lakshminarayan, a retired IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre. The governor has sent a report to the President. The Union cabinet's decision to accept the report was conveyed to the President by the Union Home Minister

Giani Zail Singh.

RAO AS NO. 2

IN THE ABSENCE of Mrs Indira Gandhi, who is attending the North-South summit in Mexico, Minister of External Affairs P V Narasimha Rao presided over the cabinet meeting which decided to impose President's Rule in Kerala. Well-placed sources have indicated that Mrs Gandhi had left word that in her absence Rao should preside over the cabinet meeting. A series of important assignments which she has given to Rao is attracting the attention of discerning observers within the ruling party and outside.

F-16s for Pak

THE SUPPLY OF sophisticated US F-16 fighter aircraft to Pakistan in the immediate future is on the cards following the go-ahead given by the Senate to the United States' Administration's recommendations to resume arms supply to Pakistan.

PAWAR-LED CONGRESS

THE CONGRESS LED by Sharad Pawar was formally named the Indian National Congress (Socialist). A draft resolution on was adopted by the All-India Congress (U) committee.





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The 40 per cent promise

Congress move in UP could set off ripples. Given half a chance, women can bring new energy into our stagnant politics



NEERJA CHOWDHURY

AFTER A LONG time, the Congress party is setting the political agenda instead of reacting to moves made by the BJP. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has promised that 40 per cent of the Congress tickets will be given to women in Uttar Pradesh. And Congress will ensure greater participation of women in politics. If the initial reactions to Priyanka's move are anything to go by, it could charge up the atmosphere in the poll-bound state.

It will be naïve to believe that the decision will suddenly make the almost defunct Congress into a force to reckon with in UP. But "40 per cent to women" is a good mobilisational tool for Congress. The party neither has a major caste behind it nor does it have an organisation worth the name to convert its "jumlas" into votes, certainly not at this stage.

By targeting women as a constituency, Congress has made a pitch to reclaim its "umbrella" status of yesteryears, cutting across caste and community. This may have an appeal for younger Indians.

It will bring Priyanka Vadra centrestage. Will she lead her party into battle by contesting the assembly elections herself? She has not ruled it out, and left the question unanswered with a tantalising, "*Ek na ek din toh larhna hee hai.*" This would be a change. For, at one time, it used to be said that "the Gandhis don't become chief ministers; they only become prime ministers".

An improvement in Congress's position is bad news for the Samajwadi Party, which is emerging as the alternative to the BJP. For, it may create confusion amongst the minorities, and divide their votes. Otherwise, there has been a growing feeling amongst the Muslims not to waste their vote and this was noticeable in the West Bengal polls earlier this year.

Political parties have sensed that women are emerging as a constituency. They are coming out in larger numbers to vote. They are also voting differently from their menfolk, and several studies have showcased this trend. Women ensured the victory of a beleaguered Nitish Kumar in Bihar 2020. They stood solidly behind Mamata Banerjee in May 2021. Women have also supported Narendra Modi. The BJP has gone out of its way to woo them. The prime minister recently ensured 11 women ministers in the Union council of ministers. "Toilets for women", "Ujjwala" and "Beti Padhao Beti Bachao" have helped.

The ripple effect of Priyanka's latest move sbound to be felt beyond UP.



other parties in Punjab.

The argument that there are not enough women candidates will not wash today. There is a pool of women out there who have been sarpanches, and members of local bodies, with experience of governance at the local level over a period of three decades. This was thanks to the law to give them one-third representation — in some states it is even 50 per cent — in local bodies. They are waiting to play a larger role in state assemblies and in Parliament.

Priyanka's salvo may bring the Women's Reservation Bill, gathering dust in some forgotten government almirah, centrestage again. Congress has already flayed the BJP for not passing the Bill, despite the clear majority it enjoys in the Lok Sabha. The Bill has been pending since 1996 when HD Deve Gowda's government had first introduced it in Parliament. It promised to give 33 per cent representation to women in Parliament and in the state assemblies. It was passed In the Rajya Sabha in 2010, thanks to Sonia Gandhi. But Sonia got cold feet when faced with opposition from the two Yadav chieftains, Mulayam Singh Yaday and Lalu Prasad Yaday, who were supporting the UPA. She chose not to call their bluff. Mayawati, whatever she may say now, had told then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that her party would not support the Women's Reservation Bill "in its present form". Every party which opposed the Bill used that phraseology. The truth is that the Women's Reservation Bill did not see the light of day because of a ganging up by the political class across parties. It is not that all male politicians were

CR Sasikumar against women coming into Parliament or

the state assemblies. They feared that their constituency might get reserved for women in the rotational arrangement envisaged in the Bill. The axe could fall on Etawah or Baramati, Hajipur or New Delhi, or any other constituency.

It is early days yet to say who will be the ultimate gainer of Priyanka Vadra's latest gambit. For, the BJP will make its counter moves. Will it enact the Women's Reservation Bill, or its variant, in the run-up to the 2024 elections?

In the last 75 years of independence, women's representation in Parliament has gone up from 5 per cent in the first Parliament to an "impressive" 14 per cent in the present Lok Sabha. The numbers are much lower in state assemblies. Women have broken glass ceilings and made a mark in every profession, including those seen as male domains. It is in politics that their numbers remain abysmally low.

Competitive politics has been the bane of our public life; but in this instance it may well become a blessing. The more Congress attacks the BJP and vice versa for not doing enough for women, the better it is for women. It will keep the issue alive, and on the radar. Women are emerging as a vote bank, and they cannot be ignored. Young Indian women represent aspirational India possibly more than any other grouping today. Given half a chance, they may bring a new energy into our stagnant politics, and move it towards delivery of basic needs — health, nutrition, education and livelihoods.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Not only is this a result of increased societal intolerance—which has been propagated over the years by certain groups for political gains —but also an outcome of the failure of successive governments to protect minority communities." —**THE DAILY STAR**

Landmark, and beyond

As India's vaccination drive reaches a milestone, it must stay the course, and prepare for future pandemics

been raised.



VIRANDER S CHAUHAN

WITH MORE than 240 million reported cases and nearly 5 million deaths worldwide due to the Covid pandemic, mankind has not witnessed such devastation in living memory. Although scientific efforts to detect and combat the spread of the novel coronavirus moved at a fast pace, it is the development of efficacious vaccines that will remain perhaps the most outstanding achievement of collaborative science across the world. After several devastating waves of viral infections, dominated by more infectious and ultra-fast spreading mutants, there seems to be a halt in the spread of the pandemic, leading to cautious but definite moves towards normalcy. It is now abundantly clear that the vaccinations have greatly helped in halting the spread of the virus, saving millions of lives, and providing a lifeline to highly stressed healthcare systems.

Since December 8, 2020, when the 90year-old Margaret Keenan received the first vaccine shot in the world, more than 7 billion vaccine shots have been administered. India which started its vaccination drive on January 16, 2021, continued its vaccination programme, despite witnessing perhaps the most ferocious second wave and has now achieved the landmark of administering 100 crore vaccines. Around 75 per cent of its currently eligible population (18 years and above) has received at least one dose of an approved vaccine, and at least 30 per cent are now fully vaccinated.

Another outstanding achievement in India has been the development and manufacturing of the first ever DNA-based Covid-19 vaccine by the Indian pharma company Zydus Cadila. Unlike other vaccines, this one uses a needle-free device that is pressed against the skin to deliver the vaccine formulation. This may be an additional advantage for vaccine acceptance, particularly for children. With the rollout of this efficacious vaccine, which is also being tested in children for its safety and efficacy, as well as two other recombinant protein-based vaccines slated to be produced in India, the country may soon not only have filled the initial supply and demand gap, but could become a major supplier of high quality and cost-effective vaccines, particularly to low and middle-in-

Multiple studies have suggested that vaccine-induced immunity tends to wane over a period of six to nine months. Immunocompromised and older people above the age of 60 may become more susceptible to infection and severe disease. To boost or not to boost has become a key question in countries that have successfully vaccinated much of their adult population, even during the emergence and spread of the highly infectious Delta mutant. After initial hesitation and much discussion, including scientific, moral, and ethical, many countries have started providing booster doses to their populations, ignoring an earlier moratorium on booster doses issued by WHO. Recent studies have also shown that immunity in those fully vaccinated in many low-income countries, with the two WHO approved vaccines from China, has waned rapidly and has provided limited protection in the older population. WHO itself has recently advocated a booster dose of these vaccines.

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The Covid-19 vaccine world has remained somewhat strange and certainly divided. Of the several WHO-approved vaccines, the US has used only three, and other Western countries, only four. Astonishingly, the Astra Zeneca vaccine, which is the most widely used vaccine in the world, is still not approved for use in the US. Covaxin, the inactivated virus vaccine produced in India by Bharat Biotech, and Sputnik V from Russia, which have been given to millions in many countries, still await WHO approval.

There are more than 20 Covid vaccines already approved for human use and many more are in late stages of development. Many developing countries have started producing their own vaccines. But many poor countries, particularly in Africa, have not yet reached vaccination rates beyond 5 per cent. On the other hand, rich countries have many times more vaccines than they need to immunise their populations. The unequal distribution of a life-saving scientific tool like vaccines has never been starker than what this pandemic has revealed.

Judging from the regularity of emergence of pandemics caused by viruses like HIV, Ebola, SARS CoV, in the past four decades, the threat of future viral pandemics is a reality. All these viruses have jumped from animals, and many are from bats. A recent study has shown that parts of South China, Northeastern India, Nepal, and many countries in South-East Asia are home to high populations of species of bats that harbour coronaviruses and may turn out to be hot-spots for future viral infections. An efficient surveillance system in these parts of the world must

The BJP — and others — will naturally ask Congress whether the formula is going to be followed in Punjab, Manipur, Goa and Uttarakhand, states that are also going to the polls in February-March 2022. There will be pressure on the GOP to accommodate more women in these states.

There will also be pressure on other parties to follow suit. Given our competitive politics, more tickets to women could become like the "300 units of power" free to every family. It was promised by Arvind Kejriwal, and has now been picked up by them one-third representation in local bodies. They are waiting to play a larger role in state assemblies and in Parliament. Priyanka's salvo may bring the Women's Reservation Bill, gathering dust in some forgotten government almirah, centrestage again.

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As more and more people get vaccinated, new information about questions around vaccination and the pandemic keep emerging for scientists and researchers to collect data and provide evidence-based answers. While it is very clear that Covid-19 vaccines have saved millions of lives and have remained by and large effective against all virus variants, it is also observed that the vaccines may not be as effective in stopping the spread of infections, as some initial studies had suggested. Further, now that the vaccination drives in some countries are more than 10 months old, questions about how long the vaccine-induced immunity will last and be put in place. Countries like India, and many others, must remember this lesson and gear up to develop large-scale production of vaccines, if and when they are needed next.

Finally, while there may be reasons to celebrate the achievement of administering 100 crore vaccines, the current pace of vaccination should not only continue but also be carried forward with enhanced vigour. All stakeholders should come together to achieve the vaccination goals sooner than later. Until then, social distancing must continue and masks too should not come off.

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Gurnah and the sea of stories

The Nobel laureate is the storyteller of a global history of the Indian Ocean

Bala Venkat Mani

"THE INDIAN knows how to deal with the European. We have no choice but to work with him." These short, crisp sentences that contain centuries of interlocked histories of Indians, Arabs, Africans, and Europeans are from the novel, *Paradise* (1994). The author is Abdulrazak Gurnah, the Britain-based Tanzanian author who received the 2021 Nobel Prize in literature.

Set in the erstwhile Sultanate of Zanzibar in the last years of the 19th century, Paradise tells the tale of a 12-year-old boy Yusuf, whose father's hotel business is crumbling. To help repay the family debt, Yusuf must forcibly leave his idyllic surroundings and enter the workforce. With the worldly uncle Aziz, Yusuf moves and resides in towns and various ports along the Arabian Sea where Indian merchants from Gujarat have set up shops and a thriving money-lending business. They are no kinder to the local Arabs or Africans than the new kind of colonial masters, the Germans. Following the Berlin Conference of 1884-84, also known as the "Scramble for Africa," the German empire building is in full swing. They're building railroads and acquiring financial and political power.

To reduce *Paradise* to a simple fictionalisation of European colonialism would be a mistake. Gurnah tells in this novel a captivating story of a young boy's coming of age along with the transitional moment in the history of a fast-changing economic and political landscape in East Africa. But there is

something else, something precious and unique about Gurnah's storytelling — a very palpable presence of the Indian Ocean. Through this fluid stage, Gurnah maps the commercial and trade routes that span from the Gulf peninsula through Oman and Muscat, touching on India's ports on the Arabian sea, all the way to Zanzibar, which joined Tanganyika to become the postcolonial state of Tanzania in 1964.

Born in 1948, Gurnah was 14 when the Zanzibar Revolution took place, and the Arab Sultan Jamshid bin-Abdullah was overthrown by the African population. As Gurnah recalls in an interview he gave in 2019, the violence that ensued to replace the Arab and Indian dominance on governance and commerce respectively disrupted many lives. At 17, Gurnah moved to England to pursue higher education, not knowing whether he would return, and made his professional career as a professor of literature at the University of Kent, and his creative career as a novelist.

The hallmark of Gurnah's writing is the unparalleled facility to stitch together histories of Arab sultanates, Indian merchants, and European colonisers in the 19th century with moving stories of refugees in the postcolonial world of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The interconnected tales of Africa, the Arab world, and South Asia that Gurnah tells grants him a unique position in world literature today. His novels are also accounts of the changing face of Great Britain and Europe at large. Hassan Omar, the 15-year-old protagonist of Memory of Departure (1988), moves from a village by the sea to Nairobi, working his way through a multinational, multicultural metropolis full of conflicts and tensions that come with class divisions that are part of colonial and post-colonial societies. Admiring Silence (1996) narrates the trials and tribulations of life after migration, as the unnamed narrator, a professor at an English university now living in the suburbs, faces a life of marginalisation and minoritisation deep in the interiors of a colonial power. In By the Sea (2001), Saleh Omar, naïve, resourceful, but full of hope and desire for survival, tries to enter Britain on a fake passport. His story is narrated by Latif Mahmud, a student who has an (East) German visa, thus also giving glimpses of life behind the iron curtain at the height of the Cold War. Afterlives (2020) returns to the colonial roots of multiple displacements and divisions, picking up strains of Paradise. The novel is set in the years of the Maji Maji uprising in German East Africa in 1904, the first genocide planned and executed by Germans to quash the Nama and Herero uprising, a blotch on German history that has yet to find a narrative as compelling and urgently written even in contemporary Germany.

Gurnah is the storyteller of a global history of the Indian Ocean. The award underlines the significance of refugee narratives and grants due recognition to African literatures, especially literature from Tanzania. But his works also draw attention to a part of the world often unknown or wilfully ignored despite its global connectivity. Akin to Abhimanyu Unnuth (1937-2018), the foremost Mauritian Hindi novelist who captured the lives of Girmitiya in *Lal Pasina* (1977), or Amitav Ghosh who follows their voyage in *Sea of Poppies* (2008), Gurnah's novels open passages of regional historical entanglements, of centuries of migration to and from East Africa, and the post-1960 history of white- and blue-collar migration of Indian and East-African immigrants to Oman, Muscat, and the Gulf Peninsula.

Peaceful co-existence of multilingual, multi-religious, multicultural communities, which is often punctured by strife based on religious, racial, and class-based discriminations are as much part of Gurnah's stories as universal human emotions such as friendships, families, love, betrayal, deception, and isolation. In Gurnah's novels, the Indian Ocean acquires the stature of a Kathasaritsagar, an ocean of streams of stories in which the past collides with the future, at times turbulent, at times calm.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Y G Chouksey, Pune

CONGRESS'S GAMBLE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'She, the people' (IE, October 7). The Congress party's move to offer 40 per cent seats to women candidates in the forthcoming UP assembly elections is a safe gamble. Safe because with only seven seats out of 403 it won in the last election, any strategy is likely to improve its numbers. It is a gamble because going by past election results across the country, there is no conclusive evidence that a high percentage of women candidates win seats they contest. People vote on the basis of good governance, even caste or religion but seldom gender. Besides, the Congress has done little to establish that it cares for women.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'She, the

people'(IE, October 21). Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra deserves accolades for her an-

nouncement of 40 per cent tickets to

women in the forthcoming elections to

the UP Assembly. The decision not only

enables her to redefine her role as

Congress leader, but also transcend the

party's multiple deprivations. That might

not be easy. First, there is the imminent

possibility of proxy candidates. Perhaps

more important is the party's lack of un-

derstanding about the need for develop-

ing organisational structures at the con-

G Javaid Rasool, Lucknow

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AGAINST TYRANNY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Muting the mob' (IE, October 21). Before spewing communal virulence in the name of language, it must be realised that a language has much more to do with a region than it does with religion. For instance, at the time of gaining Independence, crores of Bangladeshi Muslims rejected Urdu in favour of Bangla. Also, as per the 2011 census, there are more Urdu speakers and readers in India than the total population of Pakistan. Urdu is by far the only language in the world, whose poetry, from the very beginning, has been against religiosity and tyranny. There's nothing 'Abrahamic'' about Urdu. While it is true that it has a certain influence of Persian and Arabic, so does Punjabi (and many other languages).

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

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IN FACT: 100 CRORE MILESTONE IN PERSPECTIVE

10 crore

71.1

CRORE

29.5

(APRIL 11;85 DAYS)

A reason for cheer, and the need to keep going

India's achievement is enormous – perhaps nowhere else in the world have so many people been vaccinated so quickly. Still, to reach the ultimate goal of full coverage, the number of shots needs to be almost doubled – not counting under-18s.

First dose Second dose

1 crore (FEB 19; 34 DAYS)

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AMITABH SINHA PUNE, OCTOBER 21

UNLIKE A few previous instances when record-breaking vaccinations were carried out to mark a special occasion, the milestone of 100-crore doses was crossed on a comparatively uneventful day. By the end of the day on Thursday, fewer than 80 lakh doses were administered. There have been about 20 occasions when at least this number of vaccines have been administered in a single day.

But that takes nothing away from the enormity of the achievement. This is the fastest rate of vaccination, not just in India, but possibly anywhere in the world. China has administered almost twice the number of doses to its citizens but it had also started out much earlier than anyone else. China had begun vaccinating its people in June last year, even before conducting phase III trials of its vaccines.

India, on the other hand, began only in mid-January, with a limited supply of vaccines that was put under further strain by the decision of the United States to clamp down on the export of raw materials. The shortage of vaccines was felt most acutely during the devastating second wave, the worst phase of the pandemic anywhere in the world.

The situation is, of course, drastically different now, with vaccines available mostly on demand and 50-60 lakh doses being administered on many days.

Milestone, not destination

So, while a celebration is not uncalled for, it is important to realise that this is just a milestone, even though an important one, and not the destination. If the task is to vaccinate the entire adult population of about 94 crore, India has just about crossed the halfway mark in terms of total doses. Eventually, the entire population would need to be vaccinated. Vaccines for people under the age of 18 years are just being approved. If the entire population of about 135 crore is taken into account, then an even smaller fraction of the job has been completed.

India also has to remain open to the possibility of providing booster doses from sometime next year. As of now, India looks all set to vaccinate about 70-80% of its adult population by the end of this year. But by that time, the group that received their vaccine in January and February might find its immunity waning. The discussion on booster doses in India – frequency, timing – is still to begin, but it is likely that the cycle of vaccinating



25 crore

(JUNE 12;

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ADULT POPULATION VACCINATED TOTAL DOSES, BY AGE GROUP





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everyone would repeat next year. Also, it is extremely important for the government and the people to realise that vaccination is just one weapon in the fight against Covid-19. And that this weapon would be completely ineffective, if the other weapons, those of masking and physical distancing, are also not deployed simultaneously. Vaccinations have enabled a situation where people can return to their normal lives, and usual economic activity can resume. But lack of Covid-appropriate behaviour can very quickly nullify these gains. Several countries, with high vaccination coverage, have already experienced the slide back into a situation of lockdowns and travel restrictions, with China being the latest example.

India has a slight advantage here because of the fact most of its population has already been exposed to the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the deadliest variant to have emerged so far. In other countries, where cases have risen sharply despite vaccination coverage, the prevalence of Delta was not as widespread as in India. But that does not rule out a resurgence in India either. Considering its population, and density, a situation where the daily count of cases go back in the 40 to 50 thousand range is distinctly possible.

Pressing the advantage

In terms of numbers, the current situation of the pandemic in India closely resembles what was prevailing in end-January and early February, just before the onset of the second wave. The daily count of cases is below 20,000, the decline from the peak is over four months long, and there is a general belief that the worst is now behind India. In January-February, the second wave had given the country a rude shock.

They key difference between the situation then and now is the deployment of vaccines. The fact that a very large proportion of the population got infected during the second wave, and hopefully, gained some immunity from the disease, is also adding to the protection. But that is only until the emergence of another variant that is able to bypass this immunity, as was seen in the case of Delta to some extent. It is a futile idea to bet against the natural evolution of a variant that could be even more deadly than the Delta variant. Eventually, it is the vaccines, and people's behaviour, that will protect them against the disease. The 100-crore milestone is a reminder to strengthen our protection through continued adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour, and to not fritter away the advantage.

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Study finds e-cigarettes don't help smokers quit cigarettes

PAPER

E-CIGARETTES HAVE often been suggested as a potential means to help smokers quit. These are battery-operated devices that heat a liquid made of nicotine. flavourings and other chemicals to make an aerosol that users inhale into their lungs. But how far do these prevent

smokers, once they have switched from cigarettes to e-cigarettes, from going back to cigarettes? An analysis by the

Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science at University of California San Diego and UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, has found that e-cigarette use - even on a daily

basis - did not help smokers successfully stay off cigarettes.

Using data from the US Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) longitudinal study, researchers identified 13,604 smokers between 2013 and 2015 who were followed over two

sequential annual surveys to explore changes in use of 12 tobacco products.

At the first annual follow up, 9.4% of these established smokers had guit. Among them, 62.9% remained tobaccofree, while 37.1% had switched to another form of tobacco use, including 22.8% who used e-cigarettes, with 17.6%

of switchers using e-cigarettes daily.

At the second annual follow-up, individuals who switched to any other form of tobacco use, including ecigarettes, were found more likely to relapse compared to former smokers who had quit all tobacco, by a total of 8.5 percentage points. NEW RESEARCH

Among recent former smokers who abstained

from all tobacco products, 50% were 12 or more months off cigarettes at the second follow-up and were considered to have successfully guit smoking: this compared to 41.5% of recent former smokers who switched to any other form of tobacco use, including e-cigarettes.

Source: UC San Diego

With markets likely to stay strong with some correction, weighing the hybrid funds option

% OF POPULATION

FULLY VACCINATED

89.67%

71.22%

67.25%

66.04%

57.66%

25.02%

24.93%

21.03%

19.84%

18.88%

59

33

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TOP 5 STATES

Lakshadweep

BOTTOM 5 STATES

Mizoram

Tamil Nadu

Meghalaya

Jharkhand

Uttar Pradesh

DOSES PER DAY

Bihar

Sikkim

Ladakh

Goa



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WITH MARKETS hitting new highs over the last couple of months, there have been concerns over sustenance of the momentum and the possibility of a correction. While continued global liquidity and SIP inflows of nearly Rs 10,000 crore a month provide support to markets, a sudden outflow of money following the tapering of the Fed's bond purchase programme beginning next month could take the steam out of the current rally. Existing investors who have been invested for varying lengths of time and are in different life cycles, need to adopt strategies that are suitable for them.

First, will markets continue to rise?

On January 21 this year, the Sensex closed above 50,000 for the first time. Nine months later, on September 24, it had gone past 60,000. And on Tuesday, it breached the 62,000 mark intra-day.

Despite the second wave of Covid-19 and concerns over its impact on the economy, the Sensex has had a strong run. But the rally has come under some pressure over the last couple of trading sessions – on Thursday, the

Sensex closed at 60,923.

Having rallied over 8,300 points (nearly 16 per cent) since August 1, and over 13,000 points (27.5 per cent) since January 1, further gains in the market would be determined more by the earnings performance of companies and the pace of economic growth.

Experts say that since the fundamentals of the economy remain strong and there are at the moment only moderate fears of a new wave of infections, Indian markets are likely to remain strong - albeit with some correction on account of expensive valuations.

"There may be a healthy correction of around 10 per cent in the large cap index and around 15-20 per cent in the mid cap and small cap index in the near term but investors who are in for the long term should stay invested. Based on domestic fundamentals and continuing liquidity in Indian and global markets, the markets will bounce back," said the CEO of a large mutual fund.

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund said in a recent report that their long-term view on equity remained positive, but the mediumterm view has turned cautious due to valuations moving higher. It however, advised investors who are underweight on equities to continue investing

Should you move to hybrid funds?

While the question of profit booking is on many minds, the answers are different for different sets of investors.

Those who have started investing over the last one year – and those numbers are huge – and are now looking to book profits

with an aim to re-enter after the correction, should keep in mind that they will have to pay short term capital gains tax (15%) on the profits, if the investment horizon is less than 12 months.

So, if they are looking to re-enter after a 10-15 per cent correction, it may not be a worthwhile exercise. Investors should let their investments play out over a period of time, and avoid juggling.

Besides, one doesn't know whether the markets will actually fall, and by how much. For young investors – both in age and those who are new to markets – it makes sense to stay invested if the investment horizon is longer than five years. Their equity journey has just begun, and they should not get nervous about an anticipated correction. Investment advisors say that investors who have little or no exposure to equities should not look at market levels, and should start and continue their equity investments through systematic investment plans.

And what should veterans do?

Although a 10 per cent correction should not worry those who have been investing in mutual funds and stock markets for 20-25 years (they would have seen several ups and downs), the fact that their portfolio would have witnessed a significant jump over the last one year, could be unnerving.

It might be natural to be anxious over an anticipated correction if their portfolio is now skewed towards equity following the sharp rise in equity markets. They can now reallocate some of the equity funds to retain the balance.

New Delhi

"While principles of investment don't change, if investors have seen that their fund allocation into equities has gone up, they need to reduce their equity exposure and rebalance. Also since there is some uncertainty in the market on account of Covid, one must keep three years of cash flows available with them," said Surya Bhatia, founder, AM Unicorn Professional Pvt Ltd.

There are others who say such investors can look to move part of their equity portfolio towards hybrid funds - balanced funds or equity savings funds. Equity-oriented balanced funds invest over 65 per cent in equities and the rest in debt, and they can be considered by some investors.

More conservative investors can choose equity savings funds, in which 20-30 per cent of the allocation is in active (unhedged) equities, and another 40-70 per cent is in completely hedged equity positions and therefore, generates arbitrage or risk-free profits. Around 10 to 35 per cent of the portfolio is invested in debt instruments.

Both these categories of hybrid funds enjoy equity taxation and attract long term capital gains tax of 10 per cent (holding period of more than 12 months) on gains of over Rs 1 lakh in a financial year.

What advantage do hybrid funds have?

Investment advisors say that the hybrid funds would be best suited to navigate the current anxiety of investors who are overweight on equities. While hybrid funds are conservative and limit exposure to equities, they also allow investors to participate in any upside that the markets may offer.





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MEANWHILE HONG KONG ROLLS OUT 'SLEEPING BUS TOUR'

In Hong Kong, a 76-km, five-hour ride on a regular double-decker bus around the territory is meant to appeal to people who are easily lulled asleep by long rides on public transit. Tickets cost between \$13-\$51, and includes an eye-mask and ear plugs for better sleep. The first "Sleeping Bus Tour" last Saturday sold out entirely.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister

Shah Mahmood Qureshi

UN SETS UP TRUST

ECONOMY' IN

AFGHANISTAN

FUND FOR 'PEOPLE'S

Geneva: The United Nations

said on Thursday it had set

up a special trust fund to pro-

vide urgently-needed cash

directly to Afghans through

a system tapping into donor

funds frozen since the

Taliban takeover last August.

With the local economy "im-

ploding", the aim is to inject

liquidity into Afghan house-

holds to permit them to sur-

vive this winter and remain

in their homeland despite

turmoil, it said. Achim

Steiner, the UN Development

Programme's administrator

said that Germany, a first

contributor, had pledged \$58

million to the fund, and that

it was in touch with other

donors to mobilise resources.

Afghan fruit producers near the

southern city of Kandahar, with

pomegranates and other export

produce left to rot because trucks

on Wednesday night to protest

against the government for not

releasing their party chief Saad

plies "strategic deficiencies" de-

tected in a jurisdiction's policies

to prevent money laundering

and the terror financing, accord-

Not as severe as black listing,

ing to an IMF working paper.

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Hussain Rizvi.

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Russia has seen record number of Covid cases in recent days. AP

RUSSIA Moscow closing schools, many businesses as virus deaths soar

RESTAURANTS. MOVIE theatres and many retail stores in Moscow will be closed for 11 days starting Oct 28, along with other new restrictions, officials said Thursday, as Russia recorded the highest numbers of coronavirus infections and deaths since the pandemic began. The government coronavirus task force reported 36,339 new infections and 1,036 deaths in the past 24 hours. That brought Russia's death toll to 227,389, by far the highest in Europe. President Vladimir Putin has voiced consternation about Russians' hesitancy to get vaccinated and urged them to get the shots. AP

USA Ex-cop gets 57 months in killing of 911 caller

A MINNEAPOLIS police officer who fatally shot an unarmed woman after she called 911 to report a possible rape happening behind her home was sentenced Thursday to nearly five years in prison - the maximum allowed for manslaughter after his murder conviction was overturned in the case. Mohamed Noor was initially convicted of third-degree murder and manslaughter in the 2017 fatal shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, 40, a yoga teacher who was engaged to be married. But the Minnesota Supreme Court tossed out Noor's mur-



TORRENTIAL RAIN IN NEPAL: DEATH TOLL RISES TO 104

People wade past a flooded area in Dipayal Silgadhi, Nepal, Thursday. Floods and landslides triggered by days of torrential rain have killed at least 104 people in Nepal since Monday, officials said. AP

FDA gives nod for mixing Covid-19 vaccines; backs Moderna, J&J boosters

A boost to

campaign

MANY EXPERTS suggest, and

some studies have shown, that

mixing and matching vaccines

tion than multiple shots of the

same vaccine. Russia's Sputnik

V vaccine already uses non-

identical doses for its first and

second shots. The FDA's deci-

sion to allow any of Moderna

J&J and Pfizer vaccines to be

used as boosters in the US also

adds flexibility to the process,

boosters easier to implement.

making the drive to deliver

may provide greater protec-

the booster

NOAH WEILAND & SHARON LAFRANIERE WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 21

EXPLAINE

FB's oversight board

criticises its policy

on prominent users

THE US Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday authorised booster shots for tens of millions of recipients of Moderna's two-dose coronavirus vaccine and the roughly 15 million who got Johnson & Johnson's single-dose shot, significantly expanding the nation's campaign to bolster protection for vulnerable people

The agency also updated its authorisations for all three vaccines – Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer-BioNTech to allow medical providers to boost people with a different

Covid-19 vaccine than the one they initially received, a strategy known as "mix and match."

That update may dampen interest in Johnson & Johnson's vaccine, which studies have found provides less protection than the other two. Providers will have the option of offering a Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech booster, which could trigger a more substantial jump in protective antibodies.

The regulators, who already authorised boosters for high-risk Pfizer-BioNTech recipients last month, did not recommend any one vaccine over another as a booster. They also remained silent on whether it would be preferable to stick with the same vaccine when possible.

Facebook says will pay French publishers for news content

Paris: Facebook said Thursday that it has struck a deal with a

makes first trip to Kabul since Taliban takeover ISI chief also part of his delegation

REUTERS ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 21

PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi arrived in Kabul on Thursday for his first visit to the Afghan capital since the Taliban victory in August, following weeks of tension over transport links between the two neighbouring countries.

Qureshi will focus in his talks with Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and other Taliban leaders "on ways and means to deepen cooperation in diverse areas", Pakistan's foreign ministry said in a statement.

The delegation included the head of the ISI intelligence service, Faiz Hameed, who visited Kabul in the immediate aftermath of the fall of the city.

The visit comes after prolonged problems at the Chaman border crossing, one of the main trade transit points between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which has been closed for more than two weeks, causing severe problems for truckers and exporters.

In addition, Pakistan International Airlines, the only international airline that had been operating regularly in Kabul, last week suspended flights, complaining of interference and harassment of its staff

"The Foreign Minister's visit reflects Pakistan's consistent policy of supporting the brotherly Afghan people, deepening bilateral trade and economic relations, and facilitating closer people-to-people contacts," the ministry statement said.

cannot get through to their markets across the border. **REUTERS**

US Beijing envoy Pak's Qureshi nominee Burns says China has been aggressor against India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 21

CHINA HAS been an aggressor against India along the Himalayan border, a top American diplomat nominated by President Joe Biden as his next envoy to Beijing told lawmakers, stating that the US must hold the Chinese government accountable for failing to play by the rules.

Nicholas Burns told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmation hearing on Wednesday that the US would challenge China where it must, including when Beijing takes actions that run counter to America's values and interests; threaten the security of the United States or its allies and partners: or undermine the rulesbased international order.

"Beijing has been an aggressor against India along their Himalayan border; against Vietnam, the Philippines, and others in the South China Sea: against Japan in the East China Sea; and has launched an intimidation campaign against Australia and Lithuania." Burns said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin, reacting to Burns' comments, said: "We advise Burns to be keenly aware of the overall trend of world development and people's aspiration, learn the real situations of China objectively, view China and China-US ties in a rational manner and avoid underestimating the strong resolve, determination and capability of the Chinese people to defend their rights.'



Nicholas Burns

Pakistan to remain on FATF 'Grey List'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

PAKISTAN WILL continue to be on the 'Grey List' of the FATF as it needs to "further demonstrate"

Lahore: Lahore Police on Pakistan demanding the release Thursday booked over 1.000 of their leader. The TLP workers leaders and workers of the have been holding a sit-in outbanned Tehreek-i-Labbaik side its headquarters since late

TLP workers, leaders held in Pak

inclusion in the 'Grey List' shows that a country is working to remove flagged deficiencies.

Pleyer said that Pakistan has two concurrent action plans, actions against UN-designated terror groups and anti-money

by Taliban officials.

The border closure has hurt

healthy people need booster shots,

some advisory committee members last week urged the agency to move to expand eligibility. NYT

in the coming weeks to decide whether Pfizer and on BioNTech's vaccine should be authorized for children ages 5 to 11. The agency's independent vaccine committee is set to vote

Tuesday to consider the matter and make a recommendation. Regulators may also decide as early as November whether to authorise boosters for younger Americans who are not at high risk. While many vaccine experts have questioned if younger,

The latest authorisations ar-

rived in the middle of a busy

stretch of regulatory decisions

on vaccines. The FDA is expected

der conviction last month, saying third-degree murder statute doesn't fit the case. AP

CHINA Four killed in gas explosion at **BBO** restaurant

FOUR PEOPLE were killed and 47 were hurt in a gas explosion at a BBQ restaurant in China on Thursday, the local government said. The explosion in northeastern Shenvang city shattered the windows of nearby buildings and halted traffic, state media said. Nothing was left of the restaurant except exposed structural beams, according to videos circulating on Chinese social media. More than 100 firefighters were sent to the scene. Authorities are investigating the cause of the explosion. REUTERS

ADAM SATARIANO OCTOBER 21

THE PANEL appointed by Facebook to review its policy decisions sharply criticised the company on Thursday for not being transparent about an internal programme that gives prominent users preferential treatment on the social network.

The group, known as the Facebook Oversight Board, said Facebook failed to provide relevant information about a system called cross check, which was first disclosed by The Wall Street *lournal* and exempts high-profile users from rules like those prohibiting harassment or incitement to violence that others on the platform must follow. The board said the lack of

transparency had harmed its ability to rule on Facebook's decisions to remove or keep online content posted by users, including when the company banned former US President Donald Trump. The Oversight Board is a courtlike body that consists of about 20



Facebook's Oversight Board has called on the company to be more transparent. NYT

former political leaders, human rights activists and journalists picked by Facebook to consider the company's content decisions.

"The credibility of the Oversight Board, our working relationship with Facebook, and our ability to render sound judgments on cases all depend on being able to trust that information provided to us by Facebook is accurate, comprehensive, and paints a full picture of the topic at hand," the group.

On Thursday, the group criticised Facebook for not being open with users about policies that led some content to be deleted. NYT

group of French publishers to pay for links to their news stories that are shared by people on the social network.

The company says it inked the licensing agreement with the de la Presse Alliance d'Information Generale, which represents 300 French publishers, to "improve the quality of online information for Internet users and publishers on Facebook."

The financial terms weren't disclosed.

Facebook also said it would launch in January a French version of its Facebook News product, where the group's publishers could allow their stories to appear.

The licensing deal is the result of a wider push by authorities in Europe and elsewhere to force Facebook and other social media companies to compensate publishers for content. Governments have been responding to news outlets' complaints that internet companies are getting rich at their expense, selling advertising linked to their reports without sharing revenue. AP

that action is being taken against UN-designated terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar, the global body against terror financing said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) president Marcus Plever said the decision was taken at the conclusion of the virtual plenary of the organisation. Pakistan continues to remain

Man charged with murder of UK MP

Pakistan (TLP) and arrested

many of them under terrorism.

kidnapping and other charges

after they staged sit-ins across

on the "increased monitoring

list". he said at a virtual press con-

ference from Paris on Thursday.

Increased monitoring list is an-

Inclusion in the 'Grey List' im-

other name for the 'Grey List'.

MICHAEL HOLDEN LONDON, OCTOBER 21

BRITISH POLICE charged a 25year-old manon Thursday with the murder of lawmaker David Amess and said the killing was an act of terrorism. Amess, 69, from Prime

Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party, was knifed repeatedly on Friday in the Belfairs Methodist Church in Leigh-onSea, northeast of London, where he had been meeting constituents. Paramedics tried to save him on the floor of the church, but in vain.

The killing, just five years after another lawmaker was murdered, shocked Britain's political establishment and has prompted calls for increased safety for members of parliament.

Ali Harbi Ali, a Londoner of Somali heritage, has been charged with murder and preparing acts of terrorism under the 2006 Terrorism Act, police said. Ali, the son of an ex-media adviser to a former prime minister of Somalia, is due to appear at Westminster London's Magistrates' court Thursday.

"We will submit to the court that this murder has a terrorist connection, namely that it had both religious and ideological motivations," Nick Price, Head of the Crown Prosecution Service Special Crime and Counter

laundering, along with 34 action plan items. It has now largely addressed

30 of the items, the president of the Paris-based FATF said.

"Pakistan has taken a number of important steps but needs to further demonstrate that investigations and prosecutions are being pursued against the senior leadership of UN-designated terror groups," Pleyer said.

China boots **Caixin financial** news from list of approved media

ASSOCIATED PRESS **BEIJING, OCTOBER 21**

CHINA'S LEADING financial magazine has been dropped from an official list of outlets websites can republish, reduc-Terrorism Division. **REUTERS** ing the exposure of a rare independent voice as the authorities tightens control over the media.

Caixin Media is privately funded, unlike most state-run news organisations. The Cyberspace Administration of China dropped it from a list of more than 1,300 news outlets and government agencies whose content can be republished.

Internet platforms are barred from publishing content from non-approved sources. Caixin was on the previous list, published in 2016. Another independent Chinese newspaper, The Economic Observer, was also dropped from this year's list.

Cyberspace The Administration said in a notice that outlets omitted from the list published this week "no longer meet requirements, have poor daily performance and lack influence."

Caixin's exclusion means readers in China will have to visit its website or app directly to read its news stories, instead of reading them on popular news aggregator websites.

Stymied before, Trump finds backing for his own media venture

JEREMY W. PETERS & DAVID ENRICH OCTOBER 21

FORMER US President Donald J. Trump said on Wednesday that he had lined up the investment money to create his own publicly traded media company, an attempt to reinsert himself in the public conversation online from which he has largely been absent since Twitter and Facebook banned him after the Jan. 6 insurrection.

If finalised, the deal could give the new Trump company access to nearly \$300 million in spending money.

In a statement announcing the new venture, Trump and his investors said that the new company would be called Trump Media & Technology Group and that they would create a new social network called Truth Social. Its purpose, according to the statement, is "to create a rival to the liberal media consortium and fight back against the 'Big Tech' companies of Silicon Valley.

New Social Network To Be Called 'Truth Social'

Since he left office and became the only American president to be impeached twice. Trump has had an active presence in conservative media. But he lacks the ability he once had to sway news cycles and domi-



Trump at a rally in Des Moines, Iowa, earlier this month. Reuters

nate the national political debate. He filed a lawsuit this month asking Twitter to rein-

state his account. The announcement on Wednesday also pointed to a

promised new app listed for presale on the App Store, with mock-up illustrations bearing more than a passing resemblance to Twitter.

The details of Trump's latest partnership were vague. The statement he issued was reminiscent of the kind of claims he made about his business dealings in New York as a real estate developer. It was replete with high-dollar amounts and superlatives that could not be verified.

Rumours of Trump's interest in starting his own media businesses have circulated since he was defeated in the November 2020 election. None materialized. Despite early reports that

he was interested in starting his own cable channel to rival Fox News, that was never an idea that got very far given the immense costs and time needed to put into it. A close adviser, Jason Miller, started a rival social media platform for Trump supporters called Gettr. But Trump never signed on.

In a statement on Wednesdav night, Miller said of his and Trump's negotiations, "We just couldn't come to terms on a deal."

Trump, who has repeatedly lied about the results of the 2020 election while accusing the mainstream news media of publishing "fake" stories to discredit him, leaned hard into the notion

of truth as his new company's overning ethos. "We live in a world where the

Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, vet vour favorite American president has been silenced," Trump said in his written statement, vowing to publish his first item soon. "This is unacceptable.'

Trump's partner is Digital World Acquisition, a special purpose acquisition company, or SPAC. These so-called blankcheck companies are an increasingly popular type of investment vehicle that sells shares to the public with the intention of using the proceeds to buy private businesses. NYT



40 sq. m. at these events for construction and setting up of Rajasthan Tourism pavilions to showcas tourism products of the State along with the private sector partners.

Online E-Bids under two stage bidding process are invited from reputed, interested, eligible and experienced firms for rate contract of construction and setting up of Rajasthan Tourism pavilions in domestic and nternational travel marts on bare spaces ranging from 9 to 140 sq m. The validity of rate and period of work would be two years (2 years) from the date of issue of order of rate contract.

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क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	<u>केन्द्र</u> प्रायोजित योजना 'जल जीवन मिशन' के अन्तर्गत :— Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. intake well Cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gangway 20 mtr. long and 3.00 mtr. wide, 1.75 MLD Capacity Unconventional Water Treatment plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservior-02 Nos, Staff Quarter, Compound Wall, Approach Road, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House connection, Supplying and installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor and Five years Operation and maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Godarmana & adjoining village Rural pipe water Supply Scheme under Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Garhwa on turnkey basis. "for the year 2021-22.
1	प्राक्कलित राशि लगभग (लाख में)	1882.54 लाख (अठारह करोड ब्सायी लाख चौवन हजार रू0) मात्र।
2	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख में)	18.83 लाख (अठारह लाख तिरासी हजार रू०) मात्र।
3	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	10,000/- (दस हजार रूपये मात्र)
4	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	24 (चौबीस) महीना + 03 (तीन) महीना Trial & Run.
5	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	02/11/2021 / 12.30 बजे अपराहन तक।
6	प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	12/11/2021 / 02.00 बजे अपराहन में अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्व0 विभाग, झारखंड, रांची।
7	बीड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	25/11/2021 /05.00 बजे अपराहन तक।
8	अग्रधन की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय	26/11/2021 को 10:30 पूर्वाइन से 05.00 बजे अपराहन तक :- 1) कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं रवठ प्रमंडल कार्यातय, गढवा 2) अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं रवच्छता, विभाग रांची प्रक्षेत्र, रांची 3) क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं रवच्छता, विभाग रांची प्रक्षेत्र, रांची
9	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	27/11/2021 /05.00 बजे अपराहन में।
10	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी के कार्यालय का पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गढ़वा।
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12	प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क नं0	9973003856
13	ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0651-2490920
नोत	:—(i) निविदा की प्राक्कलित राशि घ (ii) विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसा	वट—बढ़ सकती है, तत्पश्चात अग्रधन की राशि देय होगा। इट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर्देखा जा सकता है।

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2	Date of Publication of Tender on website	20/10/2021
3	Last date of receipt of Bids from intended bidders	On Date: 29/10/2021, latest by 11.00 A.M. The bidders may visit the departments concerned and submit their queries/ suggestions to the Deputy Commissioner, Sahibganj for which the intended bidders want any amendment or alteration in the tender terms or specification.
4	Date / time for receipt of bids	20/10/2021To 29/10/2021Up to by 11.00 AM
5	Tender Document Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs.1000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only)
6	Date and time of opening of Bid	Date : 29/10/2021 Time : 03:00 PM
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.100000/- (Rs. One Lakh Only)
8	Bid submission Place	District Nazarat Office Samharnalay Building Stadium Road, Sahibganj, Sahibganj-816109
9	Bid Opening Place	District Nazarat Office Samharnalay Building Stadium Road, Sahibganj, Sahibganj-816109
10	Contact Details	Email id – nazaratsbg0786@gmail.com

Note: The specified dates and time may change due to declaration of holidays or any other unforeseen circumstances. The same shall be informed through web-portal as and when required.

Procurement In charge Deputy Commissioner Sahibganj

PR 255263 Sahabganj(21-22)D

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सूचना

(प्रथम आमंत्रण)

Tender reference No- DWSD/Dhanbad-2/05/2021-22 दिनांक 21.10.2021

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"Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of LILO-II of Double Circuit Hiranagar -Bishnah Transmission Line from 400/220kV Jatwal Grid Station associated with Transmission System Strengthening of JKPTCL under PMDP Scheme-15"

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document careful ly. Submission of e- Bid against this Standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full under standing of its implications.
- The scope of work covered under following package

"Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of LILO-II of Double Circuit Hiranagar -Bishnah Transmission Line from 400/220kV Jatwal Grid Station associated with Transmission System Strengthening of JKPTCL under PMDP Scheme-15" shall include:

The above scope of work is indicative and the detailed scope of work is given in the TechnicalSpecification (Volume-II) of the Bidding documents.

- The completion period for subject Package shall be the period as specified in Special Conditions of Contract.
- The detailed Qualifying Requirements (QR) are given in SECTION-III, Vol-I of the Bidding Document.
- The Bidders should visit the site before quoting, to well acquainting himself with actual local condition and requirement thereof.
- The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

DIF	PJ-3707	-sd- Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, Jammu
L	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	In the form of Bid Security Declarartion
к	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 5,000/-(Non-refundable)
J	Venue of opening of technical	Office of Chief Engineer (Transmission), JKPTCL Jammu &commercial e-Bids 220kV Grid Station Complex, Narwal Bala, Gladni, Jammu
1	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	11-11-2021 at 2:00 PM
н	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	09-11-2021 upto 2:00PM
G	Bid submission (start) date & time	30-10-2021 at 02:00 PM
F	Replies to Clarifications	29-10-2021 upto 12:00 Noon
E	Pre-Bid Meeting	26-10-2021 at 12:00 Noon
D	Last date for Receipt of Clarifications	23-10-2021 upto 12:00 Noon
С	Start date for Receipt of Clarifications	20-10-2021 from 02:00PM
В	Date & Time of downloading of Bidding Document	The Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 20-10-2021 at 12.00 Noon
A	Estimated Project Cost	Rs 391 Lakhs



THE INDIAN EXPRESS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 17 ECONOMY

GOLD RUPEE OIL SILVER ⊙ ₹63,896 ₹46.503 ⊙ ₹74.87 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 20

FRL SEEKING APPROVAL FOR RELIANCE DEAL

Amazon moves SC

against NCLT nod

to Future Retail

SENSEX: 60,923.50 ▼ 336.46 (-0.56%) NIFTY: 18,178.10 ▼ 88.50 (-0.48%) NIKKEI: 28,708.58 ▼ 546.97 HANG SENG: 26,017.53 ▼ 118.49 FTSE: 7,187.77 ▼ 35.33 DAX: 15,516.34 ▼ 6.58

SECTOR WATCH TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BharatNet PPP: Post objections on bid criteria, DoT to issue revised tender

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OVER THE next 2 weeks, the DoT will issue the final set of

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) is likely to soon come out with a revised tender for the public-private partnership (PPP) implementation of BharatNet after interested players objected to several bid conditions in the original bid documents, telecom ministry officials said.

The prospective bidders had, in total, raised close to 3,000 queries and feedback on the initial tender floated by the DoT while also objecting to certain terms and conditions. Over the next two weeks, the DoT will issue the final set of corrigenda notifying the changes in the tender to make the plan more attractive, one of the officials said.

"So, one of the issues raised by the companies was the condition of documentation of telecom assets of BharatNet already present on ground and the procedure to be followed. So there will be some changes to that. There will be other changes as well," the official said.

The PPP model will initially be launched in Kerala, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal. ssam. Meghalava. Manipui



Express fil corrigenda notifying the changes in the tender to make the plan more attractive, one of the officials said

tor to complete the pending work on BharatNet, the Central government's flagship scheme to provide internet connectivity to all 2.5 lakh gram panhayats in the country.

As part of the plan, under a PPP mode, the concessionaire will be selected through a competitive international bidding process and will be responsible for creation, upgradation, operation, maintenance and utilisation of BharatNet. The revised strategy will be followed in 16 states for now. Its implementation

under PPP mode is estimated to cost Rs 29,432 crore, of which the government will spend Rs 19,041 crore as viability gap funding.

The Indian Express had in January 2020 reported that with the panchayat internet connectivity scheme floundering at the last mile due to the failure of the implementation agencies, the DoT had been looking to rope in the private sector to complete the pend-

ing projects under Phase 1 and 2 of BharatNet The PPP model had then

been suggested by government think-tank NITI Aayog as well as the Ministry of **Electronics and Information** Technology at a meeting in the Prime Minister's Office. According to the then proposed model, the private sector would be ir ited to hid

COURT SUGGESTS NEUTRAL CHAIRPERSON TO HEAD MEET Bombay HC asks ZEEL to hold EGM as proposed by Invesco

Any resolution passed to be put on hold until HC decides on legality of Invesco request

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

THE BOMBAY High Court on Thursday asked Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) to call an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) as demanded by Invesco Developing Markets Fund, the largest shareholder of ZEEL.

The court has proposed that a neutral chairperson should head the shareholders' meeting. Any resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting will be put on hold until the HC decides on the legality of the Invesco's request for such a meeting.

Invesco had last month sought an EGM for the removal of ZEEL managing director and chief executive Punit Goenka and appoint six directors. Invesco had pushed for a merger deal with the Reliance group in February this year, which apparently failed to materialise.

EXPLAINED demands INVESCO HAD last month sought an EGM for the removal of ZEEL managing director and chief executive Punit Goenka and appoint six directors.

However, the ZEEL board then proposed a merger deal with Sony to counter the Invesco move.

The promoter group Subhash Chandra family – holds an only four per cent stake in ZEEL. "Since the EGM demand, Zee's management and board have gone to great lengths to deny a basic shareholder right enshrined in Indian law," Invesco said in a letter. "I acknowledge the stance that has been taken by Invesco, but com-

Invesco's

munications pertaining to such proposals are always well-documented, and they speak to the contrary," Goenka had earlier said. Hinting that he will take legal recourse, he said, "I too have a lot of points to put across, but I firmly believe that there is a right time and place for it. Our lawyers will do the needful in the court of law, as deemed necessary.'

Meanwhile, ZEEL has commenced the due diligence process and CEO for five years. for its proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI), a governance and a permissive subsidiary of Japan's Sony Corp, board have enabled Zee's growing following a non-binding agreeentanglement with the financial ment signed in September. distress of the founding family.

The process of due diligence has started and is in full swing now, as the companies have to close it within the stipulated 90-day time frame. This is actually a "tight schedule", considering both the shareholder rights," it said. companies have a large presence across metros and large cities, sources said

on Thursday.

Value of P-note investments in Indian markets — equity,

ZEEL and Sony had signed a

Invesco had earlier said weak

non-binding term sheet to com-

bine the companies' linear net-

debt and hybrid securities was at ₹97,751 crore by September-end compared to ₹97,744 crore by August-end, as per Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) data

Source: Sebi/PTI

shareholders' meet **INDU BHAN** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

works, digital assets, production operations and programme li-FOLLOWING THE order by the braries. As part of the deal, SPNI Singapore arbitration tribunal, will also infuse about \$1.58 billion Amazon.com Inc has filed a fresh in the merged entity, which could plea in the Supreme Court against be used to pursue other growth the National Company Law Tribuopportunities. The merged firm nal's (NCLT) order that allowed will be a publicly-listed company, Future Retail (FRL) to hold meetwith Goenka continuing as MD ings of its shareholders' and creditors for seeking approval to sell its

> retail assets to Reliance Retail. Amazon has sought to restrain FRL's proposed meetings of shareholders and creditors, scheduled to be held on November 10 and 11. The notices for the meetings were

"This has brought extraordinary reputational damage and regulaissued by FRL on October 11. tory rebuke to Zee. Recent actions Amazon told the apex court of Zee's leadership and the board that the NCLT's September 28 order was "in gross violation" of the further confirm a deep apathy to SC's September 9 order that asked ZEEL shares closed 0.36 per statutory authorities, including cent higher at Rs 321.40 on the BSE NCLT, to put on hold all proceed-

ings related to the merger deal. The e-commerce company said that despite this operative injunction, FRL issued the notice of meetings pursuant to the NCLT order. Further, the NCLT also dismissed Amazon's application notwithstanding the SC's directions to refrain from doing so, it said in its application filed in the SC.

On Wednesday, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) rejected FRL's plea to exclude itself as a party from the ongoing arbitration proceedings that Amazon had initiated after the Rs 24,000-crore deal was proposed between Future Group and Reliance Retail. The SIAC said FRL is a "proper party" to the ongoing

E TENDER NOTICE

SOLAPUR CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

Address : Niyojan Bhavan Building, Saat Rasta, Solapur - 413 003

Solapur City Development Corporation Limited (SCDCL) is invite e-tender from

eligible bidders through e-tenderring portal for Appointment of Contractor for

Strengthening and resurfacing of existing roads which are damaged during

execution of water and sewer lines in Solapur city under Smart Cities Mission.

Online Pre bid Meeting is at 12.30 PM of 28/10/2021 thorough Google Meet /



Amazon said the September 28 NCLT order was "in gross violation" of the Supreme Court's September 9 order. File

dispute between Amazon and Future Coupons and the three agreements at the heart of the Future-Amazon dispute must be read together, and not separately. It also stated that it "has jurisdiction over FRL in this arbitration," the stand which is in line with the SC judgment of August 6 which had held that an award of an Singapore Emergency Arbitrator (EA) is enforceable under the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, while dismissing the argument put forward by FRL that an EA is not an arbitrator under the Indian law as the term does not find any mention in the statute.

"Despite pointing out that one of the transferor companies, namely FRL to the composite scheme, which is subject matter of the FRL application, is currently subject to an injunction order restraining it from transferring its retail assets contemplated in the composite scheme, the NCLT dismissed the Amazon application as premature," Amazon's plea said. FE

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Date : 20/10/2021

Economic growth accelerating: Puri

New Delhi: India has started selling

crude from its strategic reserves to

state refiners to soften the hit from

surging global prices. "We have

started selling to OMCs. This will

help to create space that we will

then offer for leasing," Indian

'Poised to be \$5-tn economy by FY25'

Investments via P-notes rise

Investments in Indian capital via participatory notes (P-notes)

were at Rs 97,751 crore till September-end, Sebi data showed,

to ₹97,751 crore till Sept

and going forward inflow is likely to remain positive

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

PETROLEUM AND Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri exuded confidence that the nation will become a \$5-trillion economy by FY25 and reach the \$10-trilion ma 2030

India deal, the government intends to Sale of Mangaluru close the disinvestment of Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) this fisoil reserves by Dec cal only.

On the BPCL divestment, Puri said, "All feedback is proceeding well..."

Meanwhile, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday all indicators, including GDP, foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows and exports growth, are pointing towards a clear and

sharp economic recovery. "We are encouraged by

Zoom App at Solapur City Development Corporation Limited, Saat Rasta, Solapur. • Bid Submission date up to 03:00 PM of 15/11/2021. The Technical Bid Opening date is 04.00 PM of 16/11/2021. The tender can be downloaded from <u>www.mahatenders.gov.in</u> The bidders should quote exclusive of GST.

• Tender release date is 10:00 am on 20/10/2021

portfolio investors) to overseas investors who wish to be a part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process

P-notes are issued by

registered FPIs (foreign

Assets under custody of FPIs too increased to ₹53.71 lakh crore in September-end from ₹52 lakh crore in

August-end

For July, the figure was revised to ₹85,799 crore from ₹1,01,798 crore posted earlier

E-TENDER NOTICE NO : 20

Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier this year in July, the Union Cabinet had approved a plan to bring in the private sec-

circle-wise for the BharatNet project, with the selection of the bidder dependent on their quote for viability gap funding.

Addressing a virtual conference of PAFI India on Thursday, Puri said, "Economic growth is accelerating. India is poised for growth to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 and \$10-trillion economy by 2030".

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RIL board

New Delhi: Reliance Industries (RIL) shareholders cleared appointment of Saudi Aramco chairman Yasir Al-Rumayyan on the RIL board.

Jio-bp pump

New Delhi: Global energy giant bp plc said it is set to open its first 'Jio-bp' branded petrol pump with Reliance Industries near Mumbai.

Ola Cars hiring

New Delhi: Eyeing a market leadership position with \$2 billion gross merchandise value) in the next year, Ola Cars will hire 10,000 people.

Amazon Prime

New Delhi: Amazon is set to hike the annual membership price of its Prime programme by 50% to Rs 1,499. **PTI**

Evergrande bond

Hong Kong: Evergrande Group secured more time to pay a defaulted bond, financial provider REDD reported Thursday, offering respite to the developer even as a debt crisis in the broader property sector deepened with more defaults. **REUTERS**

US, 5 European nations reach deal to drop digital services taxes

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AUSTRIA, BRITAIN, France, Italy, Spain and the United States reached an agreement Thursday on the transition from national digital services taxes contested by Washington to a new global tax deal, they said in a joint statement.

The European nations agreed to withdraw their national digital services taxes in line with a deal reached among nearly 140 countries earlier this month on new

rules for international corporate taxation. As part of the political compromise, the Biden administration in the US agreed to drop proposed trade retaliation on countries it had targetted on the grounds that their taxes unfairly discriminated against US firms.

'We have agreed a way forward on how we transition from



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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 21

ENERGY PRICES are expected to inch up in 2022 after surging more than 80 per cent in 2021, fueling significant near-term risks to global inflation in many developing countries, the World Bank said in its latest Commodity Markets Outlook on Thursday.

The multilateral development bank said energy prices should



US President Joe Biden's administration agreed to drop trade retaliation on countries it had targetted. AP fil

our Digital Services Tax to the newly agreed global tax system," finance minister Rishi Sunak said in a statement. Britain's Finance Ministry said the Digital Services Tax paid after January 2022 will be credited against future British corporation tax bills if it exceeds the amount payable under new global rules agreed via the OECD.



start to decline in the second half of 2022 as supply constraints ease, with non-energy prices

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World urged to come together to help safeguard biodiversity

China sets up fund that will help developing countries work on the issue. **Cao Desheng** and **Yang Wanli** report

hina's President Xi Jinping called for international solidarity and collaboration in building a community of all life on Earth, and he announced that the country is setting up a fund to support developing countries in protecting biodiversity with an initial investment of 1.5 billion yuan (Rs 17.5 billion).

Xi made the statement in a keynote speech at the Leaders' Summit of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, or COP 15, via video link in Beijing, on Oct 12.

The phase-one meeting of COP 15, on the theme "Ecological civilisation: Building a shared future for all life on Earth", was held in Kunming, Yunnan province, from Oct 11 to 15. The second stage is to be held next year. The aim is to conclude the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and identify targets and pathways for global biodiversity protection.

Addressing the summit, Xi called on the world to work to solve the problems brought by industrial development and build a green, low-carbon and circular economic system to facilitate global sustainable development.

He underlined the need to make the global environmental governance system fairer and more equitable.

"The new environmental protection targets we set need to be ambitious on the one hand and pragmatic and balanced on the other."

Noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has cast a shadow over global development and



Journalists read brochures at the media centre for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, or COP 15, in Kunming, Yunnan province, on Oct 10. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



A giant panda cub rests at Wolong National Nature Reserve, Sichuan province. XU YONGZHENG / XINHUA

1.5 billion yuan

the initial investment of China to establish the Kunming Biodiversity Fund

He announced China's initiative to establish a Kunming Biodiversity Fund to support biodiversity protection in developing countries. China is taking the lead in investing 1.5 billion yuan, and is calling for and welcoming contributions from other parties to the fund, Xi said. implementing the new development philosophy, which emphasizes innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared growth, and building a beautiful China.

China is moving faster to establish a protected areas system with national parks as the mainstay in order to strengthen biodiversity protection, he said, adding that the protected land area is around 230,000 square kilometres and covers nearly 30 per cent of the key terrestrial wildlife species found in China.

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and leaders of countries including Russia, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Papua New Guinea and Costa Rica also addressed the summit via video link.

Guterres thanked China for hosting the UN meeting and called for a global consensus on ending the biodiversity crisis that threatens the survival of humankind. "Ecosystem collapse could cost almost \$3 trillion (Rs 226 trillion) annually by 2030," he said, adding and implementation of an effective Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to reverse the current loss of biodiversity and ensure that biodiversity is on the path to recovery by 2030 at the latest, so as to fully meet the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature.

In 1993, the United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity entered into force. As one of the first participating parties, China has made marked progress.

Since the country set up its first nature reserve in 1956 it has safeguarded 71 per cent of its wild animal and plant species under State-level protection and 90 per cent of its terrestrial ecosystem types including forests, grasslands, deserts and wetlands, according a white paper on biodiversity conservation published on Oct 8.

Over the past 40 years the country's population of wild giant pandas has risen from 1,114 to 1,864. The number of crested ibises has grown from seven when they were discovered to more than 5,000, including those in the wild

Seed banks provide vital lifeline for future

By YANG WANLI and LI YINGQING

Preserving plant seeds and other genetic material warrants investment of hundreds of millions of dollars, as it provides a lifeline for the future, according to scientists.

"If the world ends one day, these collections will bring hope of a new beginning to life on Earth," said Li Pei, a staff member at the Germplasm Bank of Wild Species, or GBOWS, in Yunnan province.

The Living Planet Report 2020 released by the World Wide Fund for Nature warned that up to 1 million of the estimated 8 million plant and animal species on Earth are at risk of extinction. Habitat loss, exploitation, climate change and pollution are the main causes.

The rapid loss of biodiversity and germplasm resources is the main reason for the establishment of seed banks. There are now more than 1,750 such banks globally, according to the United Nations Food

and Agriculture Organization.

Li said, "For the preservation of biodiversity, such banks are crucial. The more collections we have, the greater the chance of saving plants and animals, especially those that are critically endangered."

Founded in 2007, GBOWS is a research and preservation facility for rare and endangered plants and animals.

It is the only comprehensive institution of its kind for storing wild plant and animal germplasm resources in China, and is the largest in Asia in terms of species, according to Li. Germplasm resources are strategically essential for global agricultural security.

Yu Fuqiang, deputy director of the germplasm bank, said, "The bank functions as a bio dome that protects wild organisms, especially those endangered species or species with high economic and preserving such resources."

In China, areas rich in biodiversity range from the dry northwest to the tropical and subtropical south. The remote mountainous areas and diverse microclimates have resulted in high levels of endemism — the condition of being endemic, or restricted in geographical distribution to an area or region.

Li said the seed bank has preserved 85,046 accessions of 10,601 species, accounting for 36 percent of the seed plants in China.

"This will play a crucial role for China's basic scientific research on wildlife." With two in five plant species at risk of extinction, she said it is a race against time to protect the country's incredible plant life.

"Wild species germplasm has great application potential in the biological sphere, especially for the collection and preservation of wild plants," Li said.

"We store seeds that are collected in the wild so that we can germinate and reintroduce

these plants to the wild or use them for scientific research in finding our future food and medicines, and for other functions." For example, the

seeds of Silene stenophylla, a plant species in the carpetweeds family, can maintain their

viability for up to 32,000 years. Apart from seeds, collectors take specimens for verification. For future study, they record details of the plant, including where it was found, its size and the number of individual plants in the habitat.

Species are targeted and prioritised if they meet at least one of three standards — they are endangered, endemic or of economic importance.

After arriving at the bank, the seeds undergo a series of processes before they can be stored long-term.

In addition to co-operating with 105 research institutes and preservation centres nationwide, the seed bank works with international partners, including Kew Gardens in the UK, on collecting backup specimens, exchanges and research.



A scientist examines a plant culture. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

compounded challenges to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Xi said that faced with the dual tasks of economic recovery and environmental protection, developing countries need help and support all the more.

Saying that China has made remarkable progress in building an ecological civilisation, Xi reiterated the country's commitment to that its greatest impact would be on developing countries.

On Oct 13, the Kunming Declaration was adopted at the High-Level Segment of the first part of COP 15.

The declaration commits to ensuring the formulation, adoption

and artificially bred ones. One hundred and twelve species of rare and endangered plants unique to China have returned to the wild, the white paper said.

Hou Liqiang, Li Hongyang and Xinhua contributed to the story.

scientific value, from extinction."

Li said: "As the genes of most plants are contained in their seeds, germplasm resources have become the carriers of plants' genetic information. A seed bank, which stores thousands of seeds, serves as the most important facility for

It holds 2,176 sets of seeds from 45 countries, with each set containing thousands of individual seeds.

In the swim for up to 10 million years

By LIU XUAN

Xie Xixian, 13, carefully picked sand off his slippers before placing it in a plastic bag and writing a label to record where the sample had been taken from.

Zhang Chenyun, a 9-year-old, was just as eager to keep her sample of sand, telling her mother not to throw it away. Every few days she also asks when she could return to Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region to meet her "animal friends" again.

In the last week of July the pair and 16 other students from across China travelled to Qinzhou in southern Guangxito attend a special summer camp on biodiversity and life education.

Zhao Yi, a researcher at a biodiversity research centre in Sanniang Bay, said young people attending the camp joined a team of scientists and took part in scientific research and nature conservation.

"Through a series of courses on natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, and outdoor survival, our students experienced the magic of nature and the preciousness of life, establishing a scientific spirit and appreciating the concept of environmental protection."

Students benefit from new classrooms built by the beach and sea, with scientists as their teachers, and marine life, including Chinese white dolphins, as their teaching aids.

This species, which is under firstclass State protection in China, was included on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species in 2008. It has long been considered as important as the giant panda.

Chinese white dolphins have existed for about 10 million years. About 8 million years ago some dolphins left what is now Australia, heading northwest towards the Sunda archipelago in Indonesia before continuing on to the South China Sea.

The marine mammals are unique to China, where their habitats are coastal areas off the Pearl River Delta, the Leizhou Peninsula in Guangdong, Xiamen harbour in Fujian province, and Taiwan.

Sanniang Bay has long been a home of the Chinese white dolphin, and the species has evolved over time.

On arrival, the students were quickly drawn to dolphin calves, whose skin changes colour as they mature. The calves are usually dark grey, while older dolphins are a lighter shade of grey, and adults an off-white. A dolphin's skin turns pink in old age.

After attending sessions where they learned to observe and identify dolphins and venture out to sea safely, the students boarded powerboats, from which they sighted a group of white dolphins

swimming and leaping close by.

Scientists pointed to the dolphins, indicating young ones and adults. The students kept records of the dolphins they observed, and this data will be important for scientists studying the creatures' life habits.

Holding life education classes at sea for students is a relatively recent development.

In June 2004, when there were fewer than 100 dolphins in the Sanniang Bay area, one was discovered with serious injuries.

Pan Wenshi, a professor and wildlife expert at Peking University, and local fishers identified the young female, which was later named Qin Qin, after the city of Qinzhou.

The dolphin's neck had become tightly tangled in a nylon rope that looked like a fishing net, and her skin was cut and torn. Despite blood flowing from her wounds, the dolphin had followed a fishing



From left: A staff member at a research and conservation centre for Chinese white dolphins arranges the bones of a dolphin that died naturally several years ago. ZHANG QI / FOR CHINA DAILY Chinese white dolphins have existed for about 10 million years. ZHAO YI / FOR CHINA DAILY

boat, attempting to eat fish in the vessel's net.

Pan's daughter, Pan Yue, who is also a scientist at the research centre, said: "She wanted to live. Even with such serious injuries, she still had a strong will to survive. It was at that moment that my dad decided to stay and protect her and other dolphins."

The centre was established in Sanniang Bay in November 2004 by Pan Wenshi and his scientific research team from Peking University with the aim of protecting Chinese white dolphins.

It also marked a starting point for scientists to find a balance between protecting biodiversity and promoting local economic development.

The students observed dolphins by following Lin Qiang's boat and the direction in which he pointed. Lin is an indispensable member of the research team, known in the Sanniang Bay area for his ability to pinpoint the location of dolphins.

Lin, 53, a native of Sanniang Bay village, no longer fishes but is responsible for ferrying researchers, helping with GPS orientation, recording the dolphins' sounds, and taking photographs of them. He also measures the depth and temperature of seawater.

Students set out to sea in Sanniang Bay, Qinzhou, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, hoping to observe Chinese white dolphins. ZHANG QI / FOR CHINA DAILY



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW CHINAWATCH

Era of driverless delivery on the way to reality

By CHENG YU

On the campus of Harbin Engineering University in Northeast China's Heilongjiang province, a "deliveryman" wound its way steadily among teachers and students.

Upon arriving at a dormitory building, the "deliveryman" called 25 students who ordered the food at the same time to pick up their takeout orders.

Students were astounded to find that the "deliveryman" was a yellow unmanned delivery vehicle that stopped right in front of them. With no driver, steering wheel, accelerator or brake pedal, the artificial intelligence-enabled vehicle said "Happy Meal" and then left for the next station.

The unmanned vehicle was the first batch of intelligent vehicles launched by the university to help with deliveries. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, most Chinese universities have taken semienclosed epidemic-prevention measures. This meant visitors, including food deliverymen, cannot get into the campus without strict registration and verification procedures.

Since the new semester began in the fall, a large group of universities in China launched unmanned delivery vehicles, including food

delivery vehicles, express vehicles, A man picks up a parcel from a and minibuses, to help with Cainiao autonomous delivery vehicle at a community in deliveries amidst the epidemic. Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, in Behind this is the August. ZHU YINWEI / FOR CHINA DAILY

broad momentum large o f

commercialisation of unmanned deliveries in the country, where companies rev up autonomous driving commercialisation, after recent increases in driverless applications.

To avoid the risk of crowd gathering, we have opened 94 canteen stalls to offer takeaway services of over 1,600 kinds of food for students. It is hard to believe, but the truth is that our unmanned delivery vehicles can take 2,000 to 3,000 orders on average each day," said Li Bo, deputy head of rear services at Harbin Engineering University. Li said an unmanned delivery vehicle can help with 80 orders per ride and is able to make 100 delivery calls in 5 seconds, the delivery efficiency of which is 10 times higher than that of a manpower delivery. Aside from the campus scenario, unmanned delivery is speeding up commercialisation in a variety of deliveries for districts, factories and industrial parks thanks to the increasingly mature driverless technologies. In Wenzhou, Zhejiang province, unmanned deliveries are no longer limited to vehicles as unmanned aerial drones of SF Express are transporting boxes of bayberries from a mountaintop to a delivery station located far below.

problem, as the fruits bruise easily during overland transport. While it previously took over two hours to deliver the fruit, it now takes only eight minutes using aerial drones, according to SF Express.

More than 30 companies are deploying autonomous delivery solutions in China, said Bill Russo, founder of Shanghai-based consultancy Automobility.

"A more dynamic system built upon autonomous and robotics technologies will allow economies and businesses to adapt to the rapidly transforming world and the new challenges it brings, such as more flexible and less centralised manufacturing," Russo said.

"Compared with manpower, unmanned deliveries avoid human contact and potential infection risks. Self-driving vehicles can also work continuously in all weather conditions to respond to urgent needs," said Zhong Hua, senior vice-president of engineering at WeRide.

WeRide is the first batch of autonomous firms entering the quarantined area of Guangzhou, Guangdong province, to help

> delivery of urgently needed medical materials during the latest COVID-19 outbreak in the city earlier this year.

More than 20 unmanned vehicles, including passenger cars, small logistics vehicles and heavy trucks, as well as 30 logistics vehicles, had delivered a total of 265 metric tons of necessities in June,

according to Gao Yuyue, deputy secretary-general of Guangzhou municipal government.

"Unmanned deliveries have become effective supplements to ensuring supplies during the outbreak, and to some extent, are a major force in delivering necessities. They also help with diversified needs for food, milk

powder, medicines and other

urgently needed materials in

the enclosed areas in a timely

In fact, for some time now,

Chinese tech companies have

been gearing up efforts in

unmanned delivery services,

which are expected to generate

huge commercial value in a

variety of businesses like express

delivery, food take-away orders,

fresh produce ordering, and retail

the country's terminal distribution

market is expected to exceed 300

billion yuan (Rs 3.5 trillion) this

year. Terminal distribution refers

to logistics services that interact

In China, a sound unmanned

distribution business model has

been formed with technologies

being able to support different

needs. The overall industry is

expected to eventually enjoy large-

scale commercial applications,

A report by investment firm Estar Capital said sales revenue of

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the report said.

Former South African diplomat Gert Grobler (second from right) takes a tour of the Wenzhou Medical University research centre with Brett Lyndall Singh (centre), founder and chief executive of AOM Group, and his co-workers. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY





From top: Gaston Chee (left), co-founder and chief executive of BeGo, an education company preparing Chinese students for overseas study, talks with an investor from Malaysia at an event in Beijing; Jay Thornhill (left), co-founder of Baopals, at a meeting with fellow cofounder Charles Erickson in Shanghai. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Young foreigners make most of opportunities

ay Thornhill was just starting out on the career ladder when he arrived in Shanghai 14 years ago, not knowing anyone in China and having no idea what to expect.

"I was just intrigued to experience life in another culture, and I felt China was a new land of opportunity," he said.

Thornhill, from the United States, started off as an English teacher before moving into corporate training and eventually forming his own training consultancy.

In 2015 he and two partners, aware of the opportunities in China's e-commerce boom and the difficulties expats faced in China while shopping online because of language barriers, decided to create a platform that would act as an intermediary between fellow foreigners and e-commerce websites.

Their Baopals platform went on to become a resounding success, with more than 5 million items sold for a gross merchandise value of 320 million yuan (Rs 3.7 billion) in the following years, and 100,000 registered users. "China is a place where you can pull together resources, move quickly and scale up," he said." When you combine a huge, well-educated and hardworking population with the ability to manufacture and build just about anything that exists in the world, you get a very productive business environment."

China has become a melting pot of many nationalities, allowing companies to make use of global talent. Xu Wei reports

China's dramatic economic growth of recent decades as a springboard for starting their own businesses or launching glistening careers.

"We have observed an increasing number of young people from other countries eager to come to China to explore opportunities," said Miao Lyu, co-founder of the Global Young Leaders Dialogue and secretarygeneral of the think tank Centre for China and Globalisation. "Many, after having studied in China, have chosen to stay here to start their own businesses or find jobs."

Miao said a key element of China's attraction to young foreigners lies in its booming digital economy, with its top-notch infrastructure and sizable quality labour force offering fertile ground for starting new businesses and finding wellpaid jobs.

strategist at a Chinese internet technology company, said the opportunity he was offered to come to China to study at Tsinghua University was life-changing, despite the challenges of not speaking Mandarin and living in a different culture.

After completing his studies, Lopez, who holds Canadian and Colombian citizenship, described his decision to work in China as a bet that eventually paid off.

"I was able to see things that I never saw anywhere around the world, like mobile payments, e-commerce and the speed with which China moves," he said.

Lopez highlighted the importance of China continuing to provide opportunities for young people from around the world to come to study in the country.

he was given to pursue a degree in paediatrics at Wenzhou Medical University in 2011 changed his life.

"The cost of education here was more than affordable, and the academic environment was also competitive," he said.

Over the years he has integrated into local life and developed a strong attachment to Wenzhou, a city in Zheiiang province, doing his clinical electives at a children's hospital there. He even became a key opinion leader online with more than 800,000 fans, featuring regularly on an online talk show.

He was also able to meet a group of friends from Africa, with whom he started his company in an effort to transform life sciences on that continent.

Many young foreign business leaders have said China's enabling environment was another factor that prompted their decision to launch startups in the country.

Gaston Chee, the co-founder and chief executive of BeGo, an education firm preparing Chinese students for study abroad, said the country has always been welcoming to foreign investors, and his company was ready for business immediately after it was set up in Beijing in 2012. 'China has one of the most well-developed investment infrastructures today," he said. "It has created a very welcoming investment environment, a very stable and robust economy, and is perhaps one of the safest countries in the world."



For local farmers, the delivery of bayberries has always been a

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Thornhill is just one of many young foreigners who have used

By YE ZIZHEN and MAZHENHUAN

than to have breakfast in nature.

A cup of coffee and a good book in

the early morning sunshine at his

Saxiu art space is his idea of bliss.

increasing number of urbanites like

Xing, luring them away from the

hustle and bustle of the city for the

countryside, visited the village of

Shishe in Tonglu county, Zhejiang,

in 2015. The e 56-square-kilometre

village has about 900 residents

and sits among a serene natural

To chase his dream lifestyle in

"I wanted to create an art space

rural China he decided to create an

art space and chose Shishe as the

here with cultural characteristics,"

he said. "Artists can share their

ideas in the space and residents

and visitors can enjoy the art.

I hope the space can spread the

spirit of the rural lifestyle to the

people who come and become an

incubator for more such places in

Xing, a lifelong lover of the

quiet life in the countryside.

environment.

ideal location.

the future."

Rural China is attracting an

Xing Weibin likes nothing more

hand to artistic field

output.

China has also been a top destination for international students, with its universities offering chances to more than 400,000 students to further their studies each year.

Peking University, where international students comprise 8 per cent of those enrolled, has set a target of increasing the enrolment of foreign students to 10 per cent by 2025.

Xing started his project in 2016

shortly after his first visit, acquiring

the relevant permissions and

renting some local residences to

Now identifying himself as

a curator and a practitioner of

rural vitalisation, Xing invested 2

million yuan (Rs 23 million) in the

renovation project and invited his

friends - artists, scholars and

entrepreneurs — to Saxiu art space

for its opening ceremony a year

Saxiu has held a variety of

events since its opening, from

art exhibitions and book-sharing

events to coffee-tastings,

attracting tourists, artists and even

government officials to enjoy the

"The opening of the space has

later in 2017.

rural art experience.

transform into his art space.

Jonathan Lopez, a Latin America

"In that way, they would also explore this place, learn the language and create a career in China so they can build better bridges between their countries and China and the rest of the world," he said.

Brett Lyndall Singh, a South African doctor with a master's degree in paediatrics and the founder and chief executive of AOM Group, a company that seeks to combat childhood malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa, said the offer



A view of Shishe village, Tonglu county, Zhejiang province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

even aroused the villagers' love and passion for their own home," Xing said.

"I believe rural vitalisation through art cannot depend on artists alone, because they are confined to their own creations. The core is to stick to local artisanship. tradition and culture.

"Rural vitalisation through art is an important way to develop rural areas. Art refers to not only high culture but also grassroots culture and traditional local culture," said Sun Jiashan, a researcher with the Chinese National Academy of Arts.

In Zhejiang province more artistic villages are flourishing with the effort of people such as Xing and the local government.

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The goal of rural vitalisation through art is multilayered. Local government expects through such programmes that villagers are energised with new skills and abilities to build their hometown, to build a harmonious society in rural Zhejiang, and eventually through rural tourism and new industries to achieve common prosperity.

"As pointed out in government papers, the main contradiction of Chinese society is people's increasing demand for a better life, their spiritual and cultural needs and the country's unbalanced and inadequate development," Sun Jiashan said. "Perhaps it is just time to bring more art and culture to rural China."





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Students recreate Hamlet on stage

Nearly two dozen undergraduates complete acting programme's first four-year study.

Yuan Shenggao reports

o be or not to be, that is the question" — Dondrup Tsering repeated the classic soliloquy from British playwright William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*, during his rehearsals.

Following the line, he performed *Hamlet*'s long monologue with strong facial expressions and gestures, a highlight of one of Shakespeare's greatest plays.

The 23-year-old staged the masterpiece in early August with 21 other classmates in Lhasa, capital of Southwest China's Tibet autonomous region.

Born in Lhodrag county in Lhokha city, Dondrup Tsering has enjoyed singing and dancing since his childhood, just like many other Tibetans. He also enjoys reading novels and biographies.

After graduating from high school in 2017, he enrolled at the Shanghai Theatre Academy.

He left his hometown in Tibet, travelling thousands of kilometres to the coastal megacity to pursue his dream of being a performer.

"I felt very nervous on stage, as my Putonghua (standard Mandarin), was not good, and I couldn't read my lines very well," he recalled.

He practiced Putonghua by talking to his schoolmates and strangers on the streets, and he made good progress in less than six months.

Tashi Penpa Norbu is one of

Dondrup Tsering's classmates at the Shanghai Theatre Academy. The former performs the role of Prince Hamlet in Putonghua, while the latter performs in Tibetan.

Language was not the problem for Tashi Penpa Norbu. "It was difficult to play the role due to my lack of life experience. Although I had no trouble memorising the lines, it took me quite a while to fully understand the script," Tashi Penpa Norbu said.

The Shanghai Theatre Academy initiated its first undergraduate course in Tibetan performance in 2017. A total of 22 students from Tibet completed their four-year study in this institute.

The young Tibetans believe that virtues such as justice and kindness, presented through outstanding literary works, can strike a chord between people of different countries and nationalities.

To introduce Shakespeare's play to the audience in Tibet, they blended some Tibetan elements such as Tibetan singing and dancing into the play.

As a senior student of the Tibetan class of the Shanghai Theatre Academy, Dondrup Tsering and his classmates have spent nearly two months learning and rehearsing *Hamlet* in both Mandarin and Tibetan for their graduation performance.

Directed by veteran theatrical director Pu Cunxin, who is also chairman of the China Theatre Association, the Mandarin and Tibetan versions of the drama were given six and four public performances respectively at the academy's theatre, from May 7-14. They later took to the stage in Lhasa on Aug 4-5.

The Tibetan version of *Hamlet* is probably the first time a famous Western classic play has been performed by young Tibetans in their ethnic language. Dondrup Tsering said the fusion of cultures





Young Tibetan artists perform the Tibetan version of Hamlet in Lhasa in early August. PHOTOS BY DAQIONG / CHINA DAILY

has created amazing chemistry. Tenzin Kongir, Dondrup Tsering's classmate playing the role of Ophelia, agreed.

"Performing Western drama in the Tibetan language is a novel and interesting experience for me," she said, adding that the frank and extroverted personality of Ophelia is quite different from hers and that of many other Tibetans who are usually introverted.

Tenzin Kongir recalled a line that

Ophelia said to her father: "He hath, my lord, of late made many tenders of his affection to me."

She said that she feels shy each time she performs this part in Tibetan. "I feel that we Tibetans are relatively shy people. In real life, I seldom talk about topics related to love with my father."

This adaptation of *Hamlet* is a meaningful exploration and perfect co-operation between the national language of Putonghua and the

Tibetan ethnic language. That's according to Jigme Wangtso, head of the Cultural Department of Tibet, who made the comment at a seminar held in August. The script of the Tibetan-language version was translated by experienced Tibetan writers, based on the accent and dialect of Lhasa.

Pronunciation is a big challenge for the Tibetan class of 22 students who participated in the performance, according to class tutor Yang Jia. Coming from various areas of Tibet, they speak various Tibetan dialects with different accents.

Growing up in a remote village in Lhokha city, Dondrup Tsering said he spent a lot of time and energy practicing the Lhasa accent. He took for example the first syllable of a word that is pronounced like the letter "T" in Lhasa accent but "D" in his Lhokha dialect. "Like this one, our teachers helped to correct our pronunciations word by word each day," he said.

Their months of efforts paid off as Dondrup Tsering recalled their Tibetan audience giving them direct feedback at the theatre.

"Seeing whether they laughed or kept silent let me know if they could understand the amusing or thoughtful pieces of the play," he said.

Starting in 1959, the Shanghai Theatre Academy's Tibetan class began recruiting Tibetan students with talent in drama every 10 years to cultivate them into successors of Tibetan art and culture. The current class performing *Hamlet* is its first four-year undergraduate class in acting.

After four years of learning and training at the academy, Dondrup Tsering said he has turned from an ordinary young man from rural Tibet into an art university graduate full of hope for the future.

"I have received a lot of help from the government and I finally performed the Tibetan version of *Hamlet* in Tibet, as a present that we sent to our motherland," he said.

According to the academy, Dondrup Tsering and his classmates will perform *Hamlet*'s Tibetan version on stage across China.

Dondrup Tsering said he hopes to become a member of the Tibet Drama Troupe. "I'm looking forward to performing the classic dramas of the West and China on Tibet's stages. I'm also looking forward to exploring more possibilities of cultural integration."

than in previous years," he said. Norbu Tsering said the biggest reason is the train service.

"The trains are much more

Answering a call to care and love



The 435-kilometre Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway starts operation on June 25. JIAO HONGTAO / FOR CHINA DAILY

New railway route offers tourism opportunities

By PALDEN NYIMA

The Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway is bringing new opportunities for tourism in the southeastern areas of the Tibet autonomous region.

The 435-kilometre railway links the Tibetan capital of Lhasa, Lhokha in southern Tibet, and Nyingchi in southeastern Tibet.

Since the railway started operation on June 25, it had transported more than 100,000 passengers by the end of July, China State Railway Group said.

These three cities are geographically and culturally connected and are enriched with the plateau's geographical landscape and unique Tibetan culture. Before the railway opened, however, tourists had to spend most of their time on the road. Extended travel time forced tourists to spend hours moving between destinations.

With the launch of the service, travel time between Lhasa and Nyingchi has been shortened to three and a half hours from some seven hours by bus. It takes only 70

minutes to travel on the new train route from Lhasa to Lhokha.

The opening of the line also means Fuxing bullet trains are now available in all provincial-level regions on the Chinese mainland, and trains now pass through southeastern Tibet for the first time in history.

Nyingchi is famous for a thick coverage of virgin forests, snowcapped mountains, lakes, glaciers and ethnic cultural activities.

Nyingchi hosted more than 5 million visits in the first half of this year, an increase of 11 per cent from the same period in 2019. The city garnered tourism revenue of 3.93 billion yuan (Rs 46 billion) in the first six months of this year, up 7 per cent compared with the same period in 2019.

Norbu Tsering, an employee at a tourism service centre in the city, said he was surprised to see so many tourists this summer.

"I have seen groups lining up at major tourist destinations in Nyingchi, and tourists can be seen everywhere in other scenic areas. It seems that there are more tourists convenient and safer. I am sure more tourists will come to see the snow-capped mountains, virgin forests and traditional Tibetan cultural activities here," he said.

A Pu, an internet influencer from Zayul county, Nyingchi, said on the short video platform Douyin: "With the new train service, not only more tourists can visit our hometown conveniently, but our fellow villagers can sell more of their local produce and specialties to visitors. Two years ago, I had admired the bullet trains in other parts of China, and I wished I could ride one in Nyingchi someday. Now my dream has been fulfilled."

The Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway is part of the planned Sichuan-Tibet Railway that will connect Lhasa and Chengdu, capital of neighbouring Sichuan province. It also shares lines with the planned railway connecting Yunnan province and Tibet.

The operation of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway is only one example of the rapid development of Tibet's transportation industry over the past seven decades.

Wu Yingjie, Party secretary of the Tibet autonomous region, said that the transportation industry is one of the sectors in Tibet that have witnessed dramatic growth.

"Before 1951, many places did not have proper roads," Wu said. "People often had to carry goods either on their backs or on the backs of horses or yaks, and they often had to walk on steep terrain."

The senior local official said: "Now, there are roads providing access to the region's villages, townships and counties, and railways bringing travellers to Lhasa, as well as the city of Shigatse."

Statistics from the autonomous region's government show that Tibet's total length of highways reached about 115,800 kilometres by the end of 2020. And local airports are linking Tibet with the rest of the world via more than 140 air routes to date.

By YUAN SHENGGAO

Sonam Tseten came to work at an elder care centre in Chengguan district of Lhasa in 2018 after her father's death. She gradually developed close ties with the aged residents who have become like family members today.

"The elderly are very dependent on me and some even act in a spoiled way towards me. I'm often moved by their sweet words," she said.

Tseten Lhamo, 24, a staff member, said seven residents are incapable of looking after themselves but are taken good care of by the nurses.

The elderly can also seek medical advice from a doctor there for health conditions and get prescriptions, such as high blood pressure and arthritis. There are four intensive care rooms, in case some residents' health deteriorates, so that the nursing staff can look after them 24 hours a day. They would be sent to a hospital if necessary, she said.

When a resident passes away, the centre invites Tibetan monks to hold religious ritual, based on the wishes of the dead.

When the director, Sonam Tseten, heard about the death of a resident, she rushed to the facility at 3 am to arrange a funeral procession.

"Other residents will feel a sense of security when they see what we've done for those who are in their last days," she added.

Sonam Tseten said most of the people served by the centre are the so-called *wubao* residents. *Wubao*, or "five guarantees", is a government welfare programme to ensure that eligible individuals in rural areas receive the five basic guarantees: food, clothing, housing, medical care and burial.

Like in the rest of the country, Tibet has established elder care facilities for *wubao* residents across the autonomous region.





Residents bask in the sunshine at the elder care centre in Lhasa's Chengguan district. WANG ZHUANGFELZ CHINA DAILY

The eligible individuals include elders who are not able to work to support themselves, have no income source or have no children or other people with a legal responsibility for support.

The elder care facility in Chengguan currently takes care of 48 residents, with an average age of 68. The oldest is 91. The government offers a monthly subsidy of 1,183 yuan (Rs 13,800) per person to cover their basic living expenses.

According to the latest nationwide population census report released by the State Council, the average life expectancy in Tibet increased from 35.5 years in 1951 to 71.1 years in 2020. The steady growth in life expectancy has generated a strong demand for elder care services.

"Our service aims to treat the aged as our parents, relatives and friends. It's all about ensuring they have a decent and dignified later life," Sonam Tseten said.

"Our staff members are familiar with the residents' personal information, including physical conditions. They have different hobbies, such as singing, and they like to have colourful recreational activities."

She said the centre has a wellchosen location with peaceful surroundings. It is convenient for the elderly to pray to the Buddha at the nearby white pagoda. The elderly live in single rooms, except couples. "They can press a panic button in their own rooms or toilets in case of emergency."

The place is well functioning, with showers, a laundry room, a barber's and medical and day care services. The canteen prepares a nutritionally balanced diet, with a combination of meat and vegetables, coarse and fine grains. Nursing staff send meals to those who fall ill or have trouble walking.

Tibet has established many community care centres for the aged, with various social activities and day care and doorto-door services for those in need.

The elder care sector is an extension of Tibet's widecoverage healthcare industry. The region has fully covered both urban and rural residents with medical insurance, according to local officials.





By XU WEIWEI, APARAJIT CHAKRABORTY and ARUNAVA DAS

here is a lot to tell about the life and times of Dwarkanath Kotnis, who came to China and treated injured soldiers fighting against Japanese invaders 80 years ago. Many stories about his work were collected from researchers and ordinary people in China.

"He helped his patients with food and was careful and quick while changing dressings so the wounded wouldn't feel too much pain," Lou Yue, a research fellow with the North China Martyrs' Memorial Cemetery, said of the celebrated Indian doctor. "He gave his horse and hat to

patients on the march."

Kotnis, also known by his Chinese name Ke Dihua, worked so hard that during one battle in China in 1940, he performed operations for up to 72 hours and treated more than 800 patients in 13 days.

For the soldiers of the Eighth Route Army and the villagers, Kotnis' efforts won him the nicknames Dr Thoughtful and Old Ke, a way the Chinese used to refer affectionately to their friends.

"Dr Kotnis was not just a dedicated, passionate and competent doctor, he was also an exemplary internationalist," said Rajendra Jadhav, chairman of the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee in Mumbai.

"That he is so deeply revered in China, even today, is a testimony to the dedication with which he nursed and treated wounded soldiers of China more than eight decades ago."

The story of Kotnis' dedication to China during his short life — he died aged 32 — is well chronicled, including in a film made in India in the 1940s about him and his time in China. Now, 75 years after that black-and-white feature film made it to theatres, another movie is in the making about Kotnis and his deeds.

Srikant Kotnis, 98, a cousin, said Dr Kotnis' glorious services to mankind must inspire more than 2.7 billion living on both sides.

"He sacrificed his life not just for wounded Chinese but for humankind," he said.

"The coming movie should capture the true spirit and values Dr Kotnis upheld."

Kotnis was one of five Indian



Visitors pay tribute to Dr Kotnis at a martyrs' cemetery in Shijiazhuang, China's Hebei province. ZHAI YUJIA / CHINA NEWS SERVICE

Doctor's legacy given a fresh take

New movie features story of Dwarkanath Kotnis, who performed heroics in wartime China.

Kotnis graduated from Seth G.S. Medical College of the University of Mumbai in 1936. He was 28 when he travelled to China.

Before leaving for China, the team had heard that the Communist Party of China was different from the Kuomintang, and therefore when they arrived, they asked to go to the CPC-led battlefield behind the enemy lines, and work where the Chinese people suffered the most.

With unrelenting persuasion, in 1940 Kotnis finally arrived at the Shanxi-Chahar-Hebei border region to be part of the Hundred-Regiment Campaign, and moved to Gegong village of Tangxian county in Hebei province, becoming a battlefront doctor, performing surgeries on the firing line.



A poster for *The Friend of Mankind*, the second movie to be made on the life of Dwarkanath Kotnis. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



Kotnis, who spoke fluent Mandarin, also taught medicine to Chinese students.

When a students. When a student graduated, Kotnis would write something to encourage him or her, such as "Study hard for the sake of the liberation of the oppressed mankind" in English, and a sentence in Chinese meaning "Victory in the war of resistance against Japan."

Without textbooks, Kotnis would compile them himself.

On the evening of Dec 8, 1942, when he was writing on page 173 of his second surgery textbook, he collapsed, with the pen leaving a long line on the paper. He later died following epileptic seizures.

Though he was a CPC member for only five months, Kotnis dedicated himself completely to Nearly eight decades after Kotnis' death, his memory continues to be cherished in China.

In Shijiazhuang, Hebei province, the Shijiazhuang Ke Dihua Medical Science Secondary Specialised School is named after him, and there are memorials to him in the city and elsewhere in the province.

Kotnis is such a towering and respected figure in China that when Chinese leaders visited India, they made it a point to visit or send flowers to Kotnis' relatives.

Jadhav of the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee in Mumbai fondly recalled the day Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met the family of Kotnis on May 22, 2013, during a visit to India. Li had a chat over a cup of tea with Manorama, Kotnis' nonagenarian sister.

"She was visibly touched by the warmth displayed by the Chinese premier," said Jadhav, who had received the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence Friendship Award from Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2014 in recognition of his commitment to China-India friendship.

The sacrifice and valour shown by Kotnis during his time in China continues to inspire the third generation of his family members, as well as Indian doctors, film makers, and numerous other admirers.

Admirers of Kotnis in India say that making known his selfless service to young people can help promote understanding between India and China.

North Court High School in Solapur, Maharashtra state, where Kotnis did his schooling has maintained a century-old register of Kotnis' enrolment in the school.

Kartik Kendhe, an Indian film director, has started to make the new film on Kotnis, in Marathi. It will be subtitled in both English and Chinese.

Part of the film, to be titled *The Friend of Mankind*, will be shot in Hebei, the goal of the film being to remind people of Kotnis' role in Sino-Indian friendship, Kendhe said.

Jadhav of the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee is excited about the new movie.

"I only hope that *The Friend of Mankind*... will inspire the peoples of China and India alike. These two countries are among the oldest civilisations in the world."

In order to build strong cultural

Relations between Asia giants on show

By YANG HAN

Theatres were shut in many countries, but an Indian filmmaker and Sinologist was counting on online channels to reach an even wider audience for his work.

In late January the first public screening of



Joe Thomas Karackattu's documentary *Those 4 Years* was hosted online by Hong Kong Baptist University. The screening attracted viewers from both China and India.

Joe Thomas Karackattu

Karackattu's film narrates the movement of Chinese people to what is now Tamil Nadu from 1865 to 1869. It looks at their role in bringing tea plantations to the Nilgris, a district in Tamil Nadu that is now synonymous with tea.

Karackattu, faculty-in-charge of the China Studies Centre at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, spent three years travelling across India, Malaysia and China's Hong Kong to do fieldwork, from shootings and interviews to visits to archives.

In 2016 Karackattu's first film was a documentary on the connections between the state of Kerala and China.

Despite zero face-to-face contact with the audience in the online mode, Karackattu said the number of viewers has expanded exponentially. The response from viewers was "superb", he said, many saying they were amazed by the rich cultural and historical connections between the two countries.

He considers himself lucky because all the fieldwork for his second film was completed before the pandemic, and the lockdown period allowed him to concentrate on editing, recording voice-overs and postproduction work. As the focus of his research was primarily on the movement of workers with Hong Kong an integral part of the narrative, he conducted intensive fieldwork in the city. He eventually chose it as the place to host the first public screening. Karackattu said he tries to turn his research findings into films because he wants viewers, not just scholars but also the general public, to better understand the topic. "I want many more of these amazing stories from the past to be brought to wider audiences who can have a peek into these rich histories. "India-China relations deserve more investment of research efforts." "An ocean of domains" remains untouched, he said.

physicians in a team sent to China to provide medical assistance in 1938, one year after China began full-scale resistance against the aggression of Japanese invaders.

Earlier, Communist General Zhu De had asked the British colonial administration in India to send physicians to provide medical assistance to Chinese soldiers.

"At that time China was in tremendous difficulty," said Lou, who spent years studying Kotnis' life.

"We had an acute shortage of practitioners and medicines," she said.

Like Kotnis, each of the other four doctors in the medical team had a Chinese name ending with *hua*, the character meaning China. Among the five, all, except Kotnis returned to India.

Born to a middle-class family in Maharashtra on Oct 10, 1910,

Fighting shoulder to shoulder with CPC members and the Eighth Route Army, Old Ke became wellknown in the region and fully blended in with the struggle and life of the Chinese people.

For Kotnis, the CPC-led war against Japanese aggression was a great, revolutionary fight for justice, and the Eighth Route Army was like an excellent university turning out tens of thousands of revolutionary youths. He also found out that the anti-Japanese base areas led by the CPC were totally different from the Kuomintang-controlled areas. "Despite hearing news of his

father's death, he did not return to India," Mrigendranath Gantait, president of the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee in West Bengal, once said after a visit to China.

"Instead he reaffirmed his commitment to continue his work in China." I only hope that *The Friend* of Mankind ... will inspire the peoples of China and India alike. These two countries are among the oldest civilisations in the world."

Rajendra Jadhav CHAIRMAN OF THE DR KOTNIS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE IN MUMBAI

In 1941 Kotnis was appointed director of the Dr Bethune International Peace Hospital, named after the Canadian surgeon Norman Bethune who made valuable contributions to the Chinese people. After the appointment he performed about 2,000 operations.

"Dr Kotnis swore by the tomb of Dr Bethune, I will live a life as yours," said Lou. "He lived up to his oath." the cause he believed in.

"He made his highest sacrifice by giving his life for the cause of the Chinese peoples' liberation movement," said Gantait.

Late Chinese leader Mao Zedong was deeply affected by Kotnis' death. Mao wrote in his eulogy that "the army has lost a helping hand, the nation has lost a friend. Let us always bear in mind his internationalist spirit".

In China, Kotnis fell in love and married a Chinese nurse who worked with him. The woman, Guo Qinglan, gave birth to their son less than four months before the doctor's death. The boy was named Yinhua, two Chinese characters literally meaning "India" and "China".

Unfortunately, Yinhua died in 1967 at the age of 24 as a result of medical malpractice, shortly before graduating from medical college. ties between China and India, on April 3 this year, on the occasion of the Qingming Festival, or Tomb Sweeping Day, the Chinese consulate in Mumbai and the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee jointly held an online celebration of his life.

Kotnis is "a hero to remember, a monument to eternity", China's ambassador to India, Sun Weidong, said on the 110th anniversary of Kotnis' birth last year.

Experts have often suggested that the two countries do more to draw attention to Kotnis' legacy to improve the India-China relationship, said Swaran Singh, a professor who is chairman of the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Xinhua contributed to this story.



By ARUNAVA DAS and APARAJIT CHAKRABORTY

The internationalist spirit of Dwarkanath Kotnis is alive and inspiring many Indians.

S. D. Shinde, principal of North Court High School in Solapur, western India, where Kotnis studied, said, "Every year on the anniversaries of his birth and death, we organise a memorial lecture and various events to commemorate Dr Kotnis.

"We pay homage to ensure the younger generation remembers him."

In 2012, the former residence of Kotnis and his parents, a traditional Maharashtrian house in Bhaiyachowk, Solapur, was converted by the Solapur Municipal Corporation into a museum housing his memorabilia, photographs and letters.

Shrikanchana Yannam, mayor of Solapur, said: "There are manicured lawns and two grand statues of Kotnis in front of the Kotnis Memorial Museum, spreading over an acre of land. An amphitheatre and a Mandarin learning centre form part of the museum premises."

The museum is visited every year by hundreds of students from schools in Maharashtra state.

When the museum first opened, Ganesh Channa, a professor from Sangameshwer College in Solapur, launched a website in memory of Kotnis.

"I worked to collect whatever information was available at the museum and from other sources, and uploaded it to the website," Channa said.

Moreover, in 1976, a railway



Dwarkanath Kotnis in China in early 1940. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

medical facility in Solapur was named Dr Dwarkanath Kotnis Memorial Hospital. The hospital now has 89 beds and 14 doctors, and there are plans to modernise it as a super specialty healthcare centre. Inspired by Kotnis, Inderjit Singh established the Dr D. N. Kotnis Health & Education Centre in Ludhiana, Punjab, in 1975. Singh said many Indian doctors want to evoke the spirit of Sino-Indian relations by paying tribute to Kotnis on the anniversaries of his birth and death.

Rajendra Jadhav, chairman of the Dr Kotnis Memorial Committee in Mumbai, said, "Dr Kotnis wasn't just a dedicated, passionate and competent doctor, he was also an exemplary internationalist."

Last year, Nirmala Kotnis, a third-generation member of the Kotnis family, and Shalmali Borkar, granddaughter of the doctor's elder brother, suggested starting scholarships for medical students in the doctor's name.

Jadhav said, "My only wish is that the governments of the two



countries will come closer and support this project to spread the message that humanity cannot be restricted by physical borders."

Mohammed Saqib, secretarygeneral of the India-China Economic and Cultural Council, a not-for-profit organisation based in New Delhi, said it is time the spirit of Kotnis was invoked.

"India and China are among the oldest civilisations. Deeper co-operation between the two countries will bring prosperity and peace to the world at large," Saqib said.

"I am sure there are many people like Kotnis in India and China, and they are willing to devote their lives to fostering friendship between two great civilisations."

The writers are freelance journalists for China Daily.

For example, for his first film, Karackattu traced the descendants of someone who left Calicut for China about 700 years ago.

"Having travelled 20,000 kilometres to locate them, and having finally found them in Guangxi (Zhuang autonomous region), I was thrilled to expand my research into other connections," Karackattu said.

It was during this time that the connections from India in the mid-19th century with Hong Kong and primarily the Straits Settlements (former British colonies in Southeast Asia), the background of his second film, became his focus.

India and China need to have more people-to-people exchanges, whether through tourism or academic and business contacts, he said.

"Myeffortisonlyadropintheocean of work that connects India and China."



Poster of the film *Those 4 Years*. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



22 Sport/Calendar

Denmark Open: Sindhu enters quarters after hard-fought win

Odense: India's double Olympic medallist superstar PV Sindhu reached the quarter-finals of the Denmark Open Super 1000 tournament here on Thursday after three hardfought games against her opponent from Thailand. Sindhu won after a struggle against Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-16, 12-21, 21-15 in 67 minutes in her last 16 match.

This is Sindhu's first tournament since winning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in August. One of India's greatest Olympians, Sindhu had taken a break to rejuvenate before making a comeback in this tournament. The big names from India included London Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal and former men's world No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth. Rising star Lakshya Sen later went down to world No. 2 Viktor Axelsen in a men's singles round of 16 match. After going toe-to-toe with Axelsen in the early exchanges, the young Indian was no match for home favourite. Sen eventually lost 21-15, 21-7. PTI

India lose to Swedish club Hammarby IF in a friendly

Stockholm: The Indian women's football team conceded an own goal after twice frittering away its lead to suffer a 2-3 defeat against Swedish top-tier side Hammarby IF in a friendly match, here. Indumathi (30 min) had put India ahead with her first-half strike but it was cancelled six minutes later by Nina Jakobsson.

In fast-paced action, Manisa Panna restored India's lead when she found the net in the 40th minute but the home side neutralised it through Amanda Sundstrom (52 min). With around 12 minutes of regulation time left on the clock, Jakobsson played a part in the winner, which was eventually deemed to have been turned over the line by Ranjana Chanu (own goal) on Wednesday.

Equestrian: Selection trials for Asian Games get underway

New Delhi: The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) on Thursday said it has started the 2021-22 season with eventing, dressage and show jumping selection trials for 19th Asian Games, to be held in Hangzhou, China next year. The first phase of the season has started in Jaipur and Bengaluru on Wednesday and will conclude on next Tuesday. Col Jaiveer Singh, secretary general at EFI said, "It is indeed an honour for EFI to host an FEI events of such magnitude wherein over 75 prominent riders and 100 plus horses are likely to participate and compete in a fierce contest for the podium." The tournament is being held over four days with veterinary inspection on the first day, dressage test on the second and third day, X-Country test on the fourth day and show jumping test on the last day. PTI



PV Sindhu beat Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-16, 12-21, 21-15.

Nikhat wins opening bout in National boxing c'ships

Hisar: Former junior world champion Nikhat Zareen(52kg) stormed into the second round of the National Women's Championships with a thumping win in her opening bout here on Thursday. Representing Telangana, Zareen, who is also an Asian championships bronzewinner, out-classed Goa's Siya Walke in her first-round clash to march ahead. Earlier, Delhi's Hemlata defeated PS Mantasaha Kumari from Assam 4-0 in the 50kg category. Hemlata gave Mantasaha no chance whatsoever as she connected her jabs to precision and won the contest on a unanimous basis at St Joseph's International School here. Another highlight of the Day 1 was the flawless performance from Maharashtra's Aarya Kulkarni (52kg), who outclassed Yape Bamang of Arunachal Pradesh 5-0.

Coach Reid wants match practice for Jr hockey team

Bengaluru: The senior Indian men's hockey team chief coach Graham Reid on Thursday said the junior side should play some practice matches against quality opponents before it starts the defence of its FIH Junior World Cup title in Bhubaneswar next month. Emphasising on the importance of playing practice games, Reid, who is overseeing India's preparation for the event to be held from November 25 to December 5, said he is trying to arrange a few matches against some participating European nations. "What is important for us is to get some good practice matches in Bhubaneswar so the players get a feel of the pitch and I am talking to coaches of some European teams to see if we can play friendlies with them when they arrive in Bhubaneswar." PTI

One-man United

Ronaldo rescues his team once again with a late winner vs Atalanta; Barca win to keep hopes alive

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CRISTIANO RONALDO fell to his knees at the final whistle and looked to the sky as Manchester United's fans sang his name. The Portugal star had saved his team again in the Champions League.

The greatest scorer in the competition's history soared to head in an 81st-minute winner as United erased a two-goal halftime deficit to beat Atalanta 3-2 in a wild match at Old Trafford on Wednesday. "That's just what he does," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said.

Ronaldo's record-extending 138th goal in the Champions League came three weeks after he scored in the fifth minute of stoppage time to snatch a victory over Villarreal in the second round of games.

This time, the goal came earlier - and was a trademark header with hang time and unerring accuracy after meeting a cross from Luke Shaw that was whipped in from deep on the left. "His leap, his timing - it was the perfect header," United captain Harry Maguire said. "He has come up with a massive goal again in the Champions League.'

United keeps doing it the hard way in this season's competition. There was the surprising loss to Young Boys in the first game, after Aaron Wan-Bissaka's first-half red card. Then a come-from-behind 2-1 win against Villarreal after being outplayed for large parts at Old Trafford.

Now this comeback against Atalanta, which moved United into first place in Group F - two points above the Italian side and Villarreal

Atalanta took a two-goal lead thanks to goals by Mario Pasalic - a tap-in in the 15th minute after United's defense was caught off guard by a quickly taken free kick - and Merih Demiral's header from a corner in the 29th.

United, which came into the game with just two wins from its last seven games in all competitions, was jeered off the field at halftime. However, Solskjaer's team showed a different side in the second half, laying siege to Atalanta's goal as Marcus Rashford - on his first start this season after injury - reduced the deficit in the 53rd with a calm finish following a delicious outside-of-the-foot pass behind the defense by Bruno Fernandes.

Maguire, who was partly at fault for Atalanta's goals, swept in the equalizer in the 75th after Fernandes' cross made its way past a number of players and to the back post where the England defender was lurking.

Ronaldo had the final say, not just through his goal - his sixth in eight games since returning for a second spell at United but also through his last-ditch clearance in the final seconds that sparked a roar from the home fans.



Cristiano Ronaldo's 81st-minute header helped Manchester United beat Atalanta 3-2 at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Wednesday. AP

'Best attacking header the game has ever seen'

Moments after Cristiano Ronaldo headed home Manchester United's winning goal, England legend Gary Lineker claimed the Portuguese was the best header ever. "Indisputably the best attacking header of a football the game has ever seen," Lineker wrote on Twitter.

While Lineker might have set the cat among pigeons, there is little doubt over Ronaldo's capabilities to head a football. In 2011, a test conducted by England's University of Chichester concluded that Ronaldo could jump 7cm higher than an average basketball player.

From a standing start, the study said he could jump as high as 44cm and with a run-up, he could reach 78cm. Ronaldo's strong thighs were considered to be a crucial element for his high jumps, according to the research.

Ronaldo was playing his 300th game for the club. The win relieves some of the pressure on Solskjaer, who vowed to make changes to the team to restore some balance after a sobering 4-2 loss to Leicester on Saturday. He was true to his word, dropping Paul Pogba and pairing Scott McTominay and Fred to give more energy in central midfield. Initially, it didn't work, with Atalanta still

managing to pick off United in the first half.

Number of goals Cristiano Ronaldo, which have proven to be matchwinners for his team, the most by any player. Lionel Messi, who has 39 match-winning goals to his name, is second behind him.

As per the Chichester University study, Ronaldo is able to generate a force of five times his body weight while jumping, and is able to generate immense power into his headers because of his core strength and strong thighs. The circumference of his thighs, when the study was conducted in 2011, was 62cm.

Along with the leap, the timing of his jump is also one of the reasons why his headers are near perfect, as his teammate Harry Maguire pointed out. EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

The momentum of the game swung at halftime, with Atalanta looking less assured at the back after Demiral was forced off at the

break because of injury. The visitors were already without defenders Rafael Toloi - the captain - Berat Djimsiti, Robin Gosens and Hans Hateboer for the match, and United took advantage of Atalanta's makeshift backline in the second half.

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Man United	3	2 Atalanta
Zenit	0	1 Juventus
Benfica	0	4 Bayern
Chelsea	4	0 Malmo
Young Boys	1	4 Villareal

Billion-euro release clause

Barcelona: Barcelona and teenage forward Ansu Fati have agreed on a contract extension to 2027 that includes a buyout clause of 1 billion euros (\$1.17 billion).

The club's announcement came after its 1-0 home win over Dynamo Kyiv in the group stage of the Champions League on Wednesday. A signing ceremony and press conference were scheduled for Thursday. Salary details were not immediately revealed.

Last week, Barcelona set a buyout clause of 1 billion euros on 18-year-old midfielder Pedri Gonzalez's new contract. Born in Guinea Bissau, the 18-year-old Fati has been in Barcelona's youth squads since 2012.

He debuted with the first team in 2019 as a 16-year-old and eventually became the youngest scorer for Barcelona and for Spain's national team.

He is one of Barcelona's most promising stars and has been wearing the No. 10 jersey left by Lionel Messi after the Argentina great left for Paris Saint-Germain this season.

Fati has 15 goals in 47 matches with the Catalan club. He returned to action last month after being sidelined for nearly 10 months because of a knee injury. He has scored twice in five appearances since then. He came off the bench in the team's victory over Dynamo, which was key to keep alive Barcelona's chances of advancing to the knockout stage of the European competition.

Meanwhile, Gerard Pique scored the vital goal to earn Barcelona a nervy 1-0 win over Dynamo Kyiv and keep alive the Spanish side's hopes of reaching the knockout rounds. Pique volleyed home Jordi Alba's cross in the 36th minute to register Barca's first goal of this season's competition and secure their first victory after 3-0 defeats by Bayern Munich and Benfica.

Ronald Koeman's team moved to third in the standings with three points, one behind Benfica and three adrift of the Germans ahead of their clash later on Wednesday.

Barcelona received another boost when striker Sergio Aguero came on as a substitute late in the second half and looked to have recovered from the calf injury he suffered in pre-season after signing from Manchester City. The Argentina international should be in contention to play in Sunday's Clasico.

> necessarily this week, but hopefully within a month.

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What you really have to do is

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1 He'd rob a distressed girl (7) 2 Instruction for pilot's punishment(9) 3 Book for a boy about five (5) 4 Their work is often pressing

5 Capacity to be satisfied (7) 6 Ancient city I conclude is part of Switzerland (3) 7 Brief period of enchantment

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Solutions Crossword 4566: Across: 1 Astonished, 8 Dance, 9 Cockpit, 10 Strings, 11

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip Great minds have : others have - Washington Irving (8,.,6)



Answer: Great minds have purposes; others have wishes. - Washington Irving SOLUTION: ERODE, SISSY, SPRUNG, NEPHEW



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







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ncipie du day the iss run deeper. You have to make it clear to everyone that your unique gifts must be respected. There doesn't really seem to be any doubt about that.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Petulant planets are designed to disturb your best-laid family arrangements. Given that certain events may be outside your control. you can do your best to rectify the situation. What you have to do first is persuade

the right one.

the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Even those lucky Scorpios who are gentlemen or ladies of leisure will be caught up in the general rush to achieve a deeply-held worldly desire. This is no time for regrets or uncertainty, and you

should try not to be distracted by irrelevant memories. partners that your course is SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Today's stars really

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) are excellent in that Your classic they encourage Geminian qualities certain key Sagittarian aspirations, notably the instinctive desire for travel are in demand today, especially an ability to bring the rigours of logical and adventure. Be warned, analysis to muddled situations, though, that entrenched positions and dogmatic battles to face the facts and set current situations in their context for are looming, and that you'd people who lack your feel for better be ready to change your mind.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Don't worry so much There is everything to gain from taking about money, remember that, as a calculated financial risk, just as

small, nothing too bad can happen. By the way, the current mood of nostalgia is taking you down some interesting romantic paths. You could enjoy a sentimental journey.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The planets are hitting you with everything they've got, which means that you have little choice but to go in and do your best. Hesitate now and you may find a personal opportunity slips from your grasp. But, remember, if someone would make a better ally than enemy, get them on your side.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) You are still enjoying secret developments. Most should be totally harmless,

if not downright favourable. You may soon learn something spectacular from pondering the mysterious spiritual nature of your existence. A spot of navel-gazing could be just what you need.

like acquiring new practical skills. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Now is a perfect time to pay attention to your physical needs and well-being. Make a fresh start as far as diet and exercise are

concerned and remember that the astrological approach to prevention than cure and with maintaining a sensible balance in your emotions.

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long as you take full responsibility. Even if you incur a small loss, vou will have clarified your priorities and personal needs. After all, sometimes you have to learn from your mistakes. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Even peaceable Aquarians are sure to be involved in some sort of fracas over the next week. There may be no

other advice than to raise the drawbridge and prepare a defensive position. But, while you're about it, there are other important actions you can take.

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Bangladesh beat PNG to seal Super 12 spot



Shakib Al Hasan scored 46 off 37 balls and picked up 4 wickets giving away just 9 runs.

Al Amerat: All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan decimated minnows Papua New Guinea with a superb all-round performance as Bangladesh qualified for the Super 12s' of the T20 World Cup with a crushing 84-run victory on Thursday. Bangladesh, with a net run rate of +1.733 and four points in the kitty, ensured a place among the elite teams after a shocking opening game defeat against Scotland. The 'Tigers' first posted an imposing 181/7, as they rode on skipper Mahmudullah's blazing 50 off 28 balls and Shakib's aggressive 46 off 37 balls. Shakib then showed why he is Bangladesh's greatest ever cricketer with a brilliant spell of 4/9 in his four-over spell as Papua New Guinea were all-out for 97 in 19.3 overs. "Obviously, it was a setback, the first game (vs Scotland), but in the T20 format the team that is better on the day wins. But now the pressure is off and we can play expressively," Shakib, who was adjudged 'Player of the Match', said after the game. "It's not an easy format to get back into form, but luckily I'm getting more chance to bat up the order. A little tired, I've been playing non-stop cricket for the last five-six months, it's been a long season for me. But hopefully I can pull this tournament off," he sounded confident. Skipper Mahmudullah was happy to see the in-tent of his players in the last two games which they won convincingly.

BRIEF SCORES: Bangladesh 181 for 7 (Mahmudullah 50, Shakib 46, Morea 2-26) beat Papua New Guinea 97 (Doriga 46*, Shakib 4-9, Taskin 2-12) by 84 runs

Scotland qualify for Super 12 stage

Amateur magician, professional trickster

South African Chinaman bowler Shamsi brings his bag of tricks to bowling all-sorts

spin, wicket celebrations and his infectious energy to a team needing some swag

Illustration: Suvaiit Dev

SHIVANINAIK

HARRY POTTER fans would know this as the Room of Requirement; muggle cricketers dub it backend operations. Tabraiz Shamsi is an amateur magician. He is also a professional worrier of why some googlies don't turn as much as he'd want, in cricket.

For the Proteas chinaman bowler, the room of requirement from where he could pull out any game data, used to be the dependable 'P Dawgg', former South Africa analyst Prasanna Agoram. At the stroke of 1 a.m, oftener than not, Shamsi would come looking for what he called 'shit balls', in what Prasanna reckoned were otherwise impressive, less-than-run-aball bowling spells. This was that one specific delivery that went for a six to sully Shamsi's 4-0-22-3 T20 match figures. It was the bugs, not the features, that the 29-year-old would cussedly fixate on. "He once told me he eats my prain at that hour, so that he gets dreams

and cricket. A young boy of 15 at Paarl who tried to bowl quick like Wasim Akram and Chaminda Vaas, had wound up as a left arm leg spin all-sorts, after years of compulsive fine-tuning. And taken failures and omissions into his run-up's five-strides.

Born in Johannesburg, Shamsi wanted to be a super quick in the land of bolting pacers but was told he wasn't quick enough.

Speaking to the podcast 'Pavilion conversations with C.S' recently, Shamsi recalls his earliest break at age 15, bowling alone in the school nets, with the cricket coach's office nearby. The coach would stop by and ask him what he was upto. "I said, 'Sir, the U15 trials are coming up. I want to make the Paarl team wanna progress'. He told me - you are not gonna make it. But even there I thought he realised the type of character I am. That was just me even harder He said 'Don' waste your time practicing coz you won't get selected. And i was even more driven," he told the host Chiwanza. Shamsi would end up with most wickets that tournament, make the B team ("Still not A"), followed by U17 and U19s for the local side. "I didn't get selected for SA U19s or invited to camps. In fact I got my opportunity at semipro cricket because one player got selected for U19s and went to the World Cup. I just knew that was my chance. And fortunately I performed. When he came back from the World Cup, he couldn't get into the team," Shamsi recalled. It was around 2015-6 after he had zeroed in on Chinaman as his chosen bag of assorted tricks in franchise, provincial cricket, that he first sought out Prasanna, while closely following senior leggie and his 'bruv' Imran Tahir. Prasanna promised to compile a list of outstanding T20 spinners of that year for comparison, when Shamsi asked him: "Why just T20? I want to play all formats.' Prasanna promised on a Friday to revert af-

ter two days, and on Monday, he had a message from the hotel lobby at 10.30 am that Shamsi was waiting. "Normally, cricketers will turn up at 11.30, if the analyst time is 10.30. This guy made me abandon my breakfast and was ready with a list of questions. I'd prepared a presentation earlier on bowlers like Warne, Ajmal and Herath and how they bowled on unhelpful tracks, what lengths to bowl at what stage, and offered to email it to him. He tells me: "No. I'll write it down in my own words. I don't want shortcuts." Shamsi would sit and plan for every batsman - his notes diary in tow, even on matchdays when he wasn't in Playing XI. Once he came angsty about his googlies not spinning as much as Kuldeep Yadav or Brad Hogg. "When he said it's not spinning, I told him Shamo' you didn't bowl any googly. That's it. He hit the nets, bowled 1000 googlies nonstop and said, he's now hitting the groove."

But nothing had prepared Prasanna for Shamsi's mic-drop in the pink ball Test against Shamsi was instructed to block for 20 balls and support Faf as Proteas were hanging on at 210-9. Shamsi would announce he would score a 50 - against Pat Cummins, Hazlewood and Starc. Finally he was unbeaten on 18. "He came back and blustered 'If someone had supported me. I'd have hit that 50'."

Donald, that's where aggression comes from. Whatever it takes to win. I'm in charge of making our presence felt on the ground and ensure the team never backs down from opponents," he added. Shamsi recently responded to Darren Sammy's tweet on who would win the T20 World: "Come on skipper, you know the answer to this already.... South Africa of course.' Scroll down the thread, and some mocker mangles his grammar: "are you comedy me". A good laugh was had by all. Pressure punctured. "He'll say things like T'll single-handedly win this," Prasanna says, "Whether it happens or not, it gives confidence to people close to you - your team.' Shamsi's made it to the top of rankings, tak-

ing 49 wickets from 42 T20Is, at a strike-rate of 14.8 and averaging 6.6. There's been a bucketful of wickets in franchise cricket and The Hundred. He's 31 and has bidden his time to make it to the national team, and another 4 years into the Playing XI. The Wicket then, is on to celebrat

Amongst his most famous on-field triumph-trumpetings after snaring a batter is pulling a wand out of a hankey - a magician's staple. T20 commentators love his name, lending it a South American football match caller's vroom: "Shaaa-mzzziii". But it's the celebrations that can befuddle the most trained of raconteurs. Appearing on the Dan Nicholl Show in SA, Shamsi had pulled one of those 'I can guess the card pulled out of the deck after being shuffled' tricks. It was ace of spades.

Magic had been his fallback option till age 16, he'd say. "So if cricket doesn't work out... I ll practice magic for 10 years... But naa... It's gonna work out.. I'll bamboozle you all," he would say, charming the audience.

At the start of the magic gig, Shamsi had handed a sealed envelope to the host. "Sealed with Proteas saliva" Nicholl had joked with whispered reverence. The distracting envelope had briefly become the centrepiece, and Shamsi would explain later:

"Vou satisfied vou made m when u wanted me to? Funny thing is...You thought you were in charge of the trick... Telling me when to stop. Even though it's your show, I'm running this party... I was controlling you and I actually made you stop at a specific point. ...And to prove that I had written down something in this envelope before starting the trick.." It read Ace of Spades. Shamsi's assortment of Chinaman, is a bit like that: planned spontaneity. The constant explosion of activity - before. right after when appealing (he once did a spot of bhangra jumps, then sat down altogether while pleading a decision) and when celebrating, is in fact the sealed envelope distraction.

sporting mask. What drove some to excellence, what made some turn to mysterious art forms, and how a few have engineered their rebirth. These are the players we expect to

They say a T20 game is won in an over of frenetic batting or crafty bowling. It's a cliche that comes true occasionally when

powerhouse performers turn up the heat. We look at a few -

known and unknown names - to know the man behind the

sparkle at the World Cup stage and this is their short story

how to get a Kohli or Sharma out, so he can wake up next day he can execute the training plans," Prasanna says.

"I'd never point out that he's missing his length or the back foot was collapsing, at 12.30 in the night. Because Shamo, you see, would then take me to the nets at 1 a.m! He's capable of calling the manager and telling him at that hour that I have to practice NOW. You had to be careful about what you told him at 1 a.m," Prasanna laughs.

A series of self-recriminations in staccato would follow the 'Bhai, can you please put on the shit-ball that went for a six.' "He'd curse himself watching replays: 'no good, not international class, garbage ball.' If you try telling him it is 'well-played' from Jos Butler and not exactly a poor ball, he'd be hard on himself and say, 'This is nonsense from Shamo'," Prasanna recalls of his exacting standards.

For, the South African World No 1 spinner knows that all sleights of hand, can come with uncontrollable twists of fate. Both in magic,

This constant state of 'upbeat' - talking up his own abilities-might well be the sort of swag and sizzle that the staid South African teams need at ICC tournaments. The tasteless mocking glee of choke-jokes has run its course, and being light-weights might well prove liberating. Shamsi likes his boisterous one-liners and his showboating and noisy over-the-top pantomime aggression.

After starring in a T20 win against Ireland earlier, he would tell South African journalist Telford Vice, "I was told I'm not quick enough to be a fast bowler so became a spinner. Grew up watching Andre Nel, Dayle Steyn, Allan

"I'm a human being and not a robot and want to make long-lasting happy memories that will live with me forever and that is the reason behind my celebrations," he wrote in a social media post once. "My celebrations mean no disrespect to the opponents. They help me enjoy myself, switch on and off during the game to release some pressure, and put some smiles on people's faces too."

There's the "Shoe" that got going in the West Indies, where he'd shrug his ankle open from the left shoe and pretend to speak on a landline receiver. Then there's the bus drivercelebration with Carlos Braithwaite and something about a birdie's chirp. A flying kiss to the wife and a mock punch to a fielder like a streets hip hopper. Prasanna says there can be new hairdos before every game, sometimes "thrice a week", and that magic tricks and celebrations are practiced as diligently as the googlies and top-spinners. "Not only will he say, Tomorrow I'll get Ben Stokes out.' He'll also ask you to watch the celebration."

Sometimes the magic is in not believing the flimflam and sleight. Like rankings. "I don't lose sleep over being No 1. Obviously it's a nice feeling to be on top. But I've said it before and I truly mean it. I don't even think I'm the best bowler in our team. We have some great bowlers in the unit. Rankings don't mean anything if a batsman gets hold of you. I don't even know how those rankings work honestly.

Al Amerat: An impressive Scotland crushed Oman by eight wickets to register their third consecutive win in the first round and qualify for the T20 World Cup Super 12 stage by topping Group B here on Thursday. Scotland, who had stunned Bangladesh by six runs before beating Papua New Guinea by 17 runs in their previous matches, remained unbeaten and finished their group encounter with six points. Besides Scotland, Bangladesh also qualified for the Super 12s from the group by finishing second with four points.

BRIEF SCORES: Scotland 123 for 2 (Coetzer 41, Berrington 31*) beat Oman 122 (Ilyas 37, Maqsood 34, Davey 3-25, Leask 2-13) by eight wickets

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THE BALL THAT DEFINES THE PLAYER, THE PLAYER THAT DEFINES THE BALL Harm ball: Shrinking low for striking big, the new string in Ashwin's bow

SHOT STORY



AS HE took a couple of steps towards the popping crease, R Ashwin started to buckle his knees and lower himself. As if he was shrinking himself. By the time he got to the release position, he seemed three-quarters his original height but the shrinking hasn't stopped yet. The bowling arm, too, gets lower and side-on, as if he is aping Kedar Jadhav.

The effort to compress and contort himself as if he is trying to squeeze himself into the upper side berth of a train is for two-fold reasons: A distraction to the batsmen and to alter the release position as drastically as it is

legally allowed. The resultant deliveries are usually slower through the air and under-cut to an extent and the batsmen has to adjust his eves and head position to align to the trajectory and then has to derive all the power on his own, as the ball is likelier to limp across in its own sweet time.

Shakib Al Hasan and Sunil Narine found this in the final over of the IPL Eliminator game. Having decided that a lap-paddle was the way to go, Shakib shuffled across and got ready with his shot. But the ball not only arrived late but it also shot through much lower. Shakib had to lunge and crouch and try to delay his shot but it proved too much, and unsurprisingly he failed to connect and was trapped in front.

Narine decided the best way was to charge down the track and lift him. Yet again, the ball wasn't there where he thought it would be and more importantly had no pace on it. Narine's bat-swing went awry and he ended up lifting it straight up. A good sweeper might be able to handle the slower pace and the lower trajectory.

Wider to get more turn

The wide-arm or side-arm release is done to get more side-spin, Ashwin has stated before. "Someone with a high-arm action like me will get more over-spin than side-spin. Graeme Swann bowls a lot wider with his arm than I do, so he achieves plenty of sidespin. I also bowl the wider arm deliv-

ery to impart side-spin these days."

The batsmen, especially if they are surprised by the release, can be drawn to the angle and make their initial foot-movement too early. With that kind of release, the ball can slide either way and can add to the confusion of the batsmen. And all this without much bounce. As a result, lbws become a greater possibility as Shakib found. It's a good surprise ball on slow and low pitches.

When Jadhav bowled it in the nets first, it was more to try something out of sheer boredom and annoyance at getting hit by every batsman. Jadhav used it liberally, so did Manoj Tiwary and now Ashwin too, and almost pulled off a heist the other night.



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